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## 450 Attend Jim Bruno's Retirement Party



RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS James V. Bruno, Jr., was honored at a retirement party at Chez Josef on Thursday, October 1st. IN PHOTO LEFT, Bruno is congratulated by Reverend James Menge of Our Lady Of The Lake Church in Southwick (Jim's church). IN PHOTO RIGHT, Bruno receives a gag portrait from Southwick Superintendent of Schools Gerald Fortier, a town resident. The portrait was of Fortier. RELATED PHOTOS IN EDUCATION SECTION. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Scout Pack 78 Uses Some Muscle



LAST SATURDAY was a beautiful and warm fall day and Cub Scouts from Pack 78 (Polish Club) held a Car Wash at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Dinner Dance For Jan P. Sadowski

A benefit dinner to help pay for medical expenses for Jan P. Sadowski, Jr., will be held on Friday, October 30th, at the Polish American Club. Dinner is at 8:00 p.m. Jan has a brain tumor and needs special laser surgery.

See story in FAMILIES Section.



## Agawam Crime Prevention... Tobacco, Nicotine

by Detective Wayne Macey  
Agawam Police Department

Today, nearly 1,000 people will die across the country from smoking-related diseases. Each year in the United States alone, almost a quarter-million people die prematurely as a direct result of tobacco use. That is more than four times the number of people killed in Vietnam, and enough to fill the stands at the Super Bowl for the next four years.

The American Cancer Society states that 70,000 people die each year from lung cancer caused by smoking alone. Lastly, tobacco kills more than 10 times the people lost in automobile accidents every year.

The facts and statistics are staggering and would seem to have no end. Like cattle to the slaughterhouse, people are being led to their death by tobacco—the most habituating, addictive, over-the-counter drug currently used by man. Much more than an annoying bad habit, it is a substance whose abuse defies reason.

A firefighter, before entering a smoke-filled building, will be sure to don his air tank and mask. Upon completion of his job, he will settle back and relax with a cigarette. Tobacco smoke consists of nearly 500 compounds in its particles, with nicotine (an alkaloid in the plant leaf) causing most of the acute effects of smoking.

Extracted nicotine is a colorless, acrid oily liquid which has been used as an insecticide. It has no medical use and is combined with other tars and gases which damage or affect virtually every organ in the body.

Some of the direct effects of smoking are increased heart rate and respiration. It is this feeling that is craved by the smoker. It seems to create a new feeling of alertness, combined with a sense of relaxation; it is this combination that makes withdrawal difficult.

In addition to the problems smoking presents to man, complications to pregnant women are even greater and of more concern. Low birth



**THREE AGAWAM POLICE OFFICERS** received plaques from **SONITROL** of Springfield for their part in the arrest of two suspects who were robbing Robinson Park School of computer equipment during the summer. The school is equipped with the **SONITROL** alarm system. From left - Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski, Officers Gary O'Brien, Ben Moore, and Steven Grasso, and Jeff Lyman, president of **SONITROL**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

weight is common due to the reduced absorption of food through the gastrointestinal tract caused by smoking.

Premature birth is also experienced by smokers. Nicotine is passed on to the breastfeeding infant through mother's milk. The list of dangers goes on and on.

Smokers have more accidents, house fires, and loss of life than non-smokers. They are also more

susceptible to other diseases. In addition, taste buds and sense of smell are altered, fingernails and teeth are stained, and skin is wrinkled.

As if health reasons were not enough to lead people to stop smoking, consider that the average smoker (two packs a day) will spend \$4 a day, \$28 a week, \$112 a month, and ultimately \$1,344 a year. One would think death would be quicker, cheaper, and less painful.

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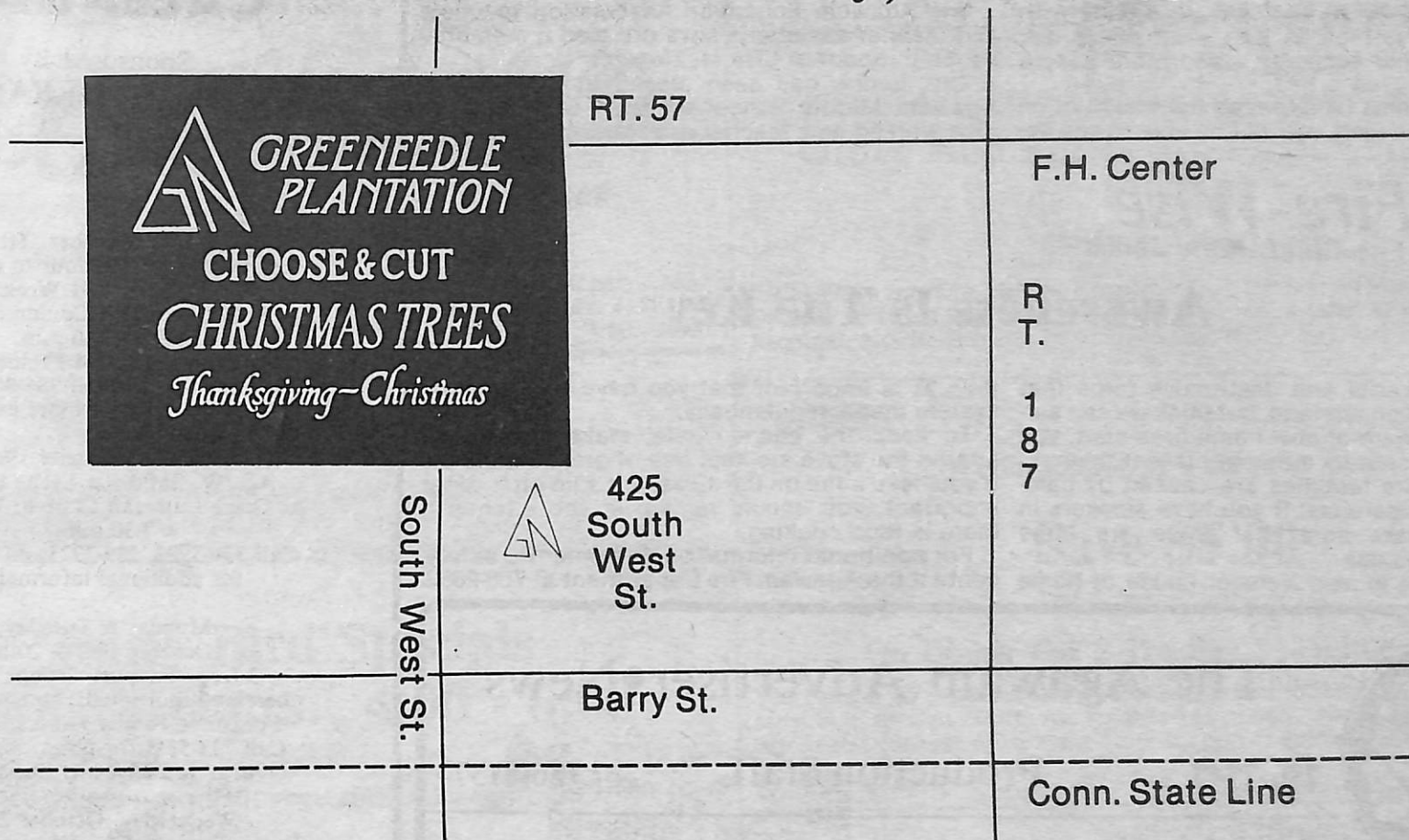
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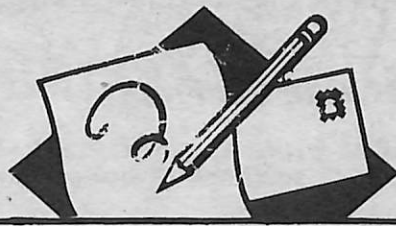
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## Letters To The Editor

### Passage Of Question 3 Would Increase Unemployment

#### To The Editor:

At first glance, Question 3 appears to be another step forward for recycling.

But, as any reader of this complicated, 20-page repackaging bill will see, Question 3 would not create any programs, facilities or incentives to recycle. It would not address recycling in our cities and towns or the need for public education. It would not create tax credits or other incentives to spur further development of the recycling industry in our state.

What Question 3 would do is impose red tape regulations on more than 100,000 Massachusetts employers. It would require that more than 50,000 consumer products be repackaged just for sale in Massachusetts. It would penalize our local store and restaurant owners, manufacturers and service providers up to \$25,000 per shipment for "illegally" packaged products.

It would create new state bureaucracies to regulate and enforce its arbitrary packaging requirements. And, it would cost residents hundreds of millions of dollars each year in higher consumer costs and millions more in taxpayer costs.

Many people in our state are self-employed in the direct sales industries. Many of us are women with children who have chosen direct sales as a career so we are able to raise our families at home and still provide a second income or as a second income for the single mother or single woman.

Our businesses are threatened by Question 3 because most of us sell merchandise that we must purchase from out-of-state companies. This merchandise is shipped to us for resale to our customers.

If our companies or the companies which ship to us are unable to do so under Question 3, we would be forced out of business. In a state with unemployment as high as it is, we have to ask ourselves, can our economy stand more people out of work?

Please take some time to read the fine print on Question 3. Once read, you will be able to see the

red tape, higher consumer costs and increased bureaucracy, along with the potential for even more unemployment.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Sekula  
Agawam

### Agawam Ambulance Thanked For Great Support

#### To The Editor:

Dialing 911 on October 3rd at 5:00 a.m., the ambulance arrived with Pam Murphy and Scott Parker as medical attendants.

The professional and personal care you gave our family member made our family feel as if you both were "sharing our patient's pain." He was made very comfortable, and before we knew it, we were at Noble Hospital.

It is gratifying to know, in these hard economical times, that the city of Agawam maintains great fire and police departments for its citizens.

Once again, our family publicly thanks Pam Murphy and Scott Parker for their care and concern at a time when it was needed most.

Gratefully yours,  
The Tortoriello Family

### Senior Citizen Athletes Praised For Enthusiasm

#### To The Editor:

I would personally like to thank the "Agawam Senior Games Athletes," Rudy Altobelli, Chet Comins, Hal Deyo, Robert Jaynes, Carol Moran, Vi Presz and Fern Senecal.

Without their enthusiasm and untiring efforts, our first fundraising event would not have been the huge success that it was.

Also, thank you to the many people who brought their vehicles to the Agawam Senior Center to be washed. Without all of you, and the cooperation of the weather, our day would have been a wash out instead of a wash up.

Most Sincerely,  
Desiree M. Jacobs, President  
A.S.G.A.

### Agawam Education Asso. Has Bench For Lisa Ziegert

#### To The Editor:

The Agawam Education Association teachers and teacher assistants have donated a memorial bench in honor of Lisa M. Ziegert.

This bench has been placed in front of the Agawam Middle School on Main Street, where Lisa worked as a teacher assistant. It serves as a

tribute and remembrance of her dedication to education for children.

Very truly yours,  
Agawam Education Association

## Council On Aging Nominated For Award From Commonwealth

The Agawam Council on Aging has been nominated to receive the prestigious Veronica B. Smith Award given out yearly to the best senior center in the Commonwealth.

The award is sponsored by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging and is presented at their annual meeting held in mid-October.

The award is based on several categories:

1. The purpose of the Senior Center
2. Center organization
3. Community Relations
4. Quality of programming
5. Administration and Personnel
6. Fiscal management
7. Facility
8. Senior Center Self Evaluation

Senior Center Director Richard Mundo stated, "It would be nice to win. The center staff and volunteers have made this nomination possible."

"It is extremely gratifying to have received the nomination from a fellow director and that we will be considered from over 400 centers in the state."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, October 16th  
Reception & coffee hour to celebrate  
"National 4-H Week"  
Ag. Public Library's Community Room  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Sign-ups for Agawam 4-H clubs will take place at this time; call 786-9049, 789-0379, or 786-2623 for more information

Monday, October 19th  
Ag./W. Spfld. La Leche League  
At Grace Lutheran Church, W. Spfld.  
7:30 p.m.  
Call 734-5922, 739-7923, or 737-9700 for additional information

Monday & Tuesday,  
October 19th & 20th  
3 free "Support Groups" for bereaved individuals, sponsored by Forastiere Family Funeral Homes  
Call 733-5311 for times, locations, or if you have any questions

Wednesday, October 21st  
Free influenza clinic for seniors 65 & older & people with chronic conditions  
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## Fire-Wise by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

### Awareness Is The Key

Fire is a powerful and destructive force that most of us don't understand, but think we can survive. If you're aware of how home fires start, you can take the necessary steps to prevent them.

Most home fire fatalities are caused by carelessness with cigarettes. If you have smokers in your home, make sure that there are large ashtrays for their use.

Home heating is also a major cause of home

fires. It is important that you have your heating system inspected annually.

To keep the kitchen safe, make sure areas around the stove are kept free of grease build-up. If you have a fire on the stove, put a lid on it. Most important, you should remain in the kitchen if there is food cooking.

For additional information on home fire safety, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.



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## Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter

On October 6th, **Timothy D. Johnson**, 56 Carew Terrace, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr. and Eric Camerlin.

On October 7th, **Michael W. Robinson**, 15 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Karen Langevin and Detective Richard Curry.

On October 7th, **Serafin Melendez**, 76 Charter Oaks Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with two outstanding State Police warrants. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On October 8th, **Travis Hardick**, 67 Nontuck Street, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, receiving stolen property, and attaching plates. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Joe Edwards.

On October 9th, **John F. Hoyt Jr.**, 345 Southwick Road, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Steve Grasso.

On October 10th, **William S. Figella**, 267 Georgetown Road, Somers, CT, was arrested and charged with outstanding warrants from West Springfield and the State Police. Arresting officer was Walter Zymroz.

On October 10th, **Earl Edwards**, 11 Knight Street, Manchester, CT, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown and Walter Zymroz.

On October 10th, **Arthur Edwards**, 21 Washburn Street, Coventry, CT, was arrested and charged with assault & battery on a police officer and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown and Walter Zymroz.

## Agawam Obituary

**Francis W. O'Connor**

Francis W. O'Connor, 77, of 24 Plantation Drive, the retired founder of two printing companies in Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He started Agawam Printing Co. in 1948, and Graphic Printing Co. in 1976. He retired in 1986.

Several years ago, he was a linotype operator at The Springfield Newspapers.

Born and schooled in Agawam, he was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He was a 1933 graduate of Agawam High School, where he played on the baseball and basketball teams. He also played drums in the school band.

He was an accomplished bridge player, a life master of the game, and a member of the Springfield Bridge Club. He organized bridge games

in Agawam and Westfield.

He was a former member of the Suffield Country Club, and most recently belonged to the Springfield Country Club. He served as co-chairman of the Rocking Chair Tournament, and won the tournament in 1990.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, the former Niobe St. Marie; a daughter, Colleen Dalton of Agawam; two granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, 01701-4680, or the church building fund at 823 Main Street, Agawam, 01001.

**Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice before he can come out and cover your event.**

## Town Council Agenda For Monday, Oct. 19th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Workshop of 9/30/92; Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 10/5/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
  - (a) Resolutions
    1. TR-92-58-A Resolution Proclaiming Thursday, October 8, 1992 as Jessue D. Fuller Day (Coun. Ennis) (Tabled 10/5/92).
    2. TR-92-59-A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Dennis B. Hopkins, 108 Monroe St., Agawam, MA as an Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Representing the Town of Agawam (Mayor).
    3. TR-92-60-A Resolution Supporting the Re-enactment of the General Revenue Sharing Program (Coun. Taylor).
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
  - None.
9. Public Hearings
  - None.
10. Old Business
  - None.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, October 22, 1992, at 7:15 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, called to act upon the petition of Fruwirth to perform work subject to the ACT on 56 Fruwirth Avenue.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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# Campaign '92



CONGRESSMAN RICHARD E. NEAL

## Auto Rates Blamed On Melconian By Republican Caplin

Bill Caplin, Republican candidate for the State Senate in the First Hampden District, in a comment on Senator Linda Melconian's statement that she will be in line for a position on the committee in charge of the budget, stated, "If you like what she's done to your auto insurance rates, you are going to love what she will do to your taxes."

"Linda stated at her campaign kickoff that she could be in line for the head of the Senate Ways and Means Committee if re-elected," said Caplin. He pointed out that Senator Melconian has been the chair of the Senate Insurance Committee for the last six years, and we have seen nothing but rising insurance rates with less coverage.

"This is the same senator who voted for two of the largest tax increases in the history of the Commonwealth, and has received horrible ratings from the Citizens for Limited Taxation (a consumer advocate group that rates state legislators on how they vote in regards to tax increases)," continued Caplin.

In the last four years, Melconian has received CLT ratings from 0% to 34%.

"We are at a crossroads in this state. Do we continue down the path of tax reductions, securing a strong bond rating, fiscal stability, and putting people back to work, or do we go back to the days of Taxachusetts?" asked Caplin.

## Congressman Neal Receives High Marks From League Of Conservation Voters

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV), the political arm of the environmental movement, released its 1992 scorecard last week. The scorecard is intended to be used as a guide by those citizens who weigh in a candidate's environmental record when deciding how to cast their vote.

Second District Congressman Richard E. Neal was awarded an 88% rating by the LCV. Congressman Neal's rating is well above the national average of 42% for members of Congress, and exceeds the 80% average of the entire Massachusetts Congressional delegation.

"I have long considered the protection of our environment and the conservation of our natural resources one of my special obligations here in the House of Representatives," stated Congressman Neal, adding, "I am pleased to be at the top end of the League's scorecard, and I feel that strong stance for environmental protection not only reflects my personal views, but also those of my constituency."

"With the exception of the economy, the environment is probably one of the top issues that motivates individuals to contact me to express their concern."

The League of Conservation Voters identifies 16 separate issues from the often-heated environmental debate that occurs in the Congress, and determines them as most important. A member's environmental record is gauged by their actions on these issues.

Neal gained his highly favorable ranking from the League by offering leadership on the Global Climate Protection Act proposed by Congressman Henry Waxman.

Neal's cosponsorship of legislation like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which would protect the pristine 1.5 million acres of Alaskan coast from oil speculation, and the Community Right to More Act, are two more examples of what the League of Conservation Voters measured when considering their scorecard.

## Neal Hails Override Of Cable TV Bill

Second District Congressman Richard E. Neal has called the cable television re-regulation bill "the most important piece of consumer legislation passed by Congress in the last half-decade," and said that the override of President Bush's veto "represents a major victory for the American consumer."

Both the House and Senate approved the legislation last week by wide margins, marking the first time President Bush has failed to sustain a veto in 35 attempts.

"There is no doubt that cable television regulation is the number-one consumer issue in America today. Throughout my district, and across this country, people have grown tired of the cable television industry's monopoly," said Congressman Neal.

He added, "They have seen their cable rates increase at three times the rate of inflation. They

see no competition, and they receive poor service. With the passage of this legislation, the American consumer's voice has been heard."

The bill, the Cable TV Consumer Protection Act (S. 12 and HR 4850), would require federal regulators to set prices for basic services, and in an attempt to increase competition, would give broadcasters the right to charge cable operators for the use of over-the-air signals.

"I strongly believe that in the absence of any meaningful competition in the cable television industry, there should be regulation. With this bill, cable rates for basic services and equipment will be regulated, and real competition will be fostered."

"Last week's override of President Bush's veto represents a major victory for the American consumer," concluded Neal.

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## Campaign '92 - continued...

Ravosa Supports  
Limiting Terms

Second District Congressional candidate Anthony W. Ravosa, Jr., has announced that he has signed a pledge limiting his term of office in Congress. Ravosa argued that term limits would make office holders more responsive to citizens' needs and "provide a more suitable climate in which to deal with such substantive issues as deficit reduction."

According to Ravosa, "In Abraham Lincoln's day, less than half of our Congressmen were re-elected. Now, the U.S. Congress has less turnover than the House of Lords in England, whose members must die before losing their seats in Parliament!"

Recent polls indicate that four in five Americans see the need to limit the service of elected officials. "The benefits of such an amendment are obvious," explained Ravosa. "The power of lobbyists and staff would be reduced, the seniority system reformed, redundant committees consolidated, and special interests curbed. In short, the cozy 'old-boy network' would be forever broken."

Ravosa continued, "The original intent of our founding fathers was to have a 'revolving citizen legislature' where individuals take time out from their permanent job to serve their country. Now, our lawmakers are known more for their careerism than for their political courage."

The incumbent congressman, Richard Neal, has expressed his opposition to term limitation in the past, alleging that citizens have an opportunity to vote legislators out of office each Election Day.

In response, Ravosa noted that Mr. Neal, as the incumbent, is provided access to thousands of dollars in free mailing privileges and congressional office staff to assist his campaign—both at taxpayer expense.

In addition, Mr. Neal is nearing the half-million dollar mark in Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions that go to incumbents over challengers at a rate of eight-to-one.

Ravosa concluded that "with the kinds of advantages afforded incumbents, all which Mr. Neal has taken advantage of over the years, it's no wonder he favors the prospect of a lifetime in Congress to term limitation."

Melconian Says Fundraiser Supports  
Children's Endowment Trust Fund

In a statement released this week, Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced that a successful Casino Night fundraiser was recently held at the Museum of Transportation to benefit the Children's Trust Fund.

According to Melconian, \$45,000 was raised that night to go towards the Endowment Fund. Melconian stated, "It is heartwarming to see the private sector enthusiastically support a Western Mass. initiative that provides funds to prevent child abuse and neglect."

In 1988, Senator Melconian co-sponsored legislation which established the Children's Trust Fund, a funding mechanism which assists organizations that provide programs to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening and supporting families.

The creation of this fund provided an endowment fund which allows for the collection of state and federal funds combined with private contributions from corporations, businesses, foundations and individuals.

Senator Melconian stated, "In 1988, there was a tremendous opportunity to leverage federal funding for child abuse prevention programs. I seized the opportunity and worked very hard to move this legislation through the Senate despite considerable opposition from the Senate leadership."

Senator Melconian continued, "Again, in 1991 that same opposition was working to thwart efforts to provide additional funding for the Trust Fund from the State Lottery receipts."

"I worked diligently to see that the votes were

there in the Senate to provide up to one million dollars annually for three years beginning in 1993, so that efforts to stop child abuse are strengthened."

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Recently, in 1991, the Children's Trust Fund Board awarded seed money for a program providing support to homeless teen parents operated by the Springfield Council for Children.

Senator Melconian said, "I am hopeful that with programs such as these, we can teach parenting skills to teenagers who are themselves experiencing the terrible ordeals of being homeless, while coping with the problems of being a young parent."

Additionally, the Children's Trust Fund provided grants last year for greater Springfield organizations which provided materials and training for a school-based safety and assault prevention program in Springfield and for training of volunteers in Agawam and West Springfield in sexual abuse prevention.

Senator Melconian stated, "Through the Children's Trust Fund, we can continue to implement these prevention programs. More importantly, we can develop a network of neonatal home visiting programs which will begin to lower the tragically high rate of infant mortality in Springfield."

If you would like more information on this issue, you may call Senator Melconian's District Office in Agawam at 786-6033.

## Walsh Announces Planning Grant For Town

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) recently received word that the communities of Agawam, Chicopee, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Springfield, South Hadley, and West Springfield will be receiving a strategic planning grant for \$40,000 from the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

This grant, which will be administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will be used to develop and implement a "Connecticut River 2020 Strategy."

This project is designed to provide a strategy to

clean up the lower Massachusetts section of the Connecticut River, as well as promote public access and economic development. The project will also foster a cooperative effort among the communities who share the river as a border.

"The lower Connecticut River has traditionally been plagued with water quality problems," Rep. Walsh emphasized. "This grant will help pave the way for a cleaner, healthier river, thus fostering recreational and economic activities for the benefit of the river border and surrounding communities."

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## Campaign '92 - continued...

## Long Term Health Care Legislation To Be Pushed In Boston By Melconian

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced this week that she will push for the enactment of a strong, long-term health insurance standards law during the 1992 legislative session.

"Long-term care health insurance—designed to specifically pay for long-term medical care services such as nursing home care, home health care, and in some instances custodial care—has become a major concern. No effective regulatory control exists over group long-term health insurance policies," pointed out Senator Melconian.

"The bill I originally sponsored (H5183) has been redrafted (H5907) and is in the House Ways and Means Committee. I have met with senior groups, home care advocates, and Kay Doughty, Commissioner of Insurance, to assure that any bill which becomes law would effectively strengthen the protections provided to residents of the Commonwealth who purchase long-term health insurance."

She continued, "H5183, which was supported by the Massachusetts Home Care Association, provides these important and strong protections. It applies to groups' trusts outside of the Commonwealth; make home health and custodial care benefits mandatory; creates a standardized, comparable benefit package; and provides for an independent appeals process for applicants who

have been denied this insurance coverage.

"As the Senate Chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Insurance, I will amend H5907 if the consumer protections I sought in H5183 are not added during House floor action. My job, as your State Senator, is to make sure your purchase of long-term health insurance is a good investment for you and your family," emphasized Senator Melconian.

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A recent study by the Government Accounting Office criticized numerous abuses occurring in the marketing and sale of this product. These abuses included unfair or misleading marketing policies, the selling of duplicative health policies, exorbitant agent commissions, and policies which had no indexing for inflation.

Services provided by long-term health insurance have been expensive, have not been covered by Medicare; until recently, have not been covered by private insurers. Currently, 14 long-term health policies are sold in Massachusetts; at this time, the Commonwealth regulates only the sale of individual, not group policies.

"As the population of our state continues to age, it is our duty to ensure that these products would provide the protections essential to those who purchase long-term health insurance coverage," concluded Senator Melconian.

## Low Interest Loans Now Available To Moderate & Low Income Families Says Walsh

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), in joint cooperation with the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) and the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD), says a new offering of low-interest loans to help low and moderate income homeowners is now available.

Through the Home Improvement Loan Program (HILP), \$5 million in loans is available to serve an estimated 400 households statewide.

"This is an excellent program because it helps qualified homeowners better afford house repairs, while also serving to improve the quality of our housing stock.

"With generous terms and a low interest rate, HILP should make a difference in our community

throughout the state," said Rep. Walsh.

MHFA financing is initiated through participating housing rehabilitation agencies statewide. These agencies will help borrowers through the loan application and home improvement process. Under HILP, 5% fixed rate loans are available for amounts from \$2,500 to \$15,000.

Repayment terms range from six months to 15 years and are adjusted to accommodate the borrower's monthly expenses. Half the HILP funds are reserved for elderly homeowners and for households needing to make homes accessible to a disabled family member.

Rep. Walsh advises interested parties to contact MHFA at (617) 451-2766 to get more details about HILP and to find out where to apply.

## Ravosa Chastises Neal On Part In Tech High "Deal"

Calling widespread vandalism and destruction at the old Technical High School "the end result of a back-room political deal gone bad," Springfield City Councilor and Second District Congressional candidate Anthony W. Ravosa, Jr., has blasted incumbent Congressman Richard Neal, the former mayor of the city, saying that Neal should "shoulder blame."

In 1986, with a great deal of fanfare, then-Mayor Neal signed a land disposition agreement between the City and Springfield Schoolhouse Development Associates for the conversion of the historic school to market-rate apartments and condominiums.

Springfield Schoolhouse was chosen from eight developers submitting proposals. According to Ravosa, coincidentally, one of the firm's two principals was then-State Senator John A. Brennan, Jr. (D-Malden), chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting.

"Not a bad person to have in your corner when you're considering a future run for Congress," added Ravosa.

For a \$5,000 deposit and a signature, Springfield Schoolhouse was provided with a "no-lose" agreement by Mayor Neal that was extended on two separate occasions. The last extension occurred in December of 1988, "just as he was getting ready to head to Washington to assume his new duties as Congressman," Ravosa continued.

"Believe it or not, for \$5,000, the firm headed by Mr. Brennan was given a three-year option to develop the property, and there was never any provision in the agreement that required the developers to insure, protect, maintain or secure the building," Ravosa said, calling the debacle "another highlight of the Neal years as mayor that will continue to cost Springfield taxpayers millions."

A 1989 Springfield Union-News story by staff reporter Carol Malley ("School a Study in City Laxness," 9/25/89) called the fiasco "a model of city government at its worst." The destruction, according to Ravosa, from a marketing standpoint, has rendered any future private development plans for Tech "totally impractical."

Mr. Neal has said that he does not believe his record as mayor is an issue in this campaign. Predicting the incumbent will again call his remarks "mean-spirited," Ravosa responded, "The only thing that is 'mean-spirited' is his record, a great deal of which is indefensible," and concluded by saying that "this is another example of Mr. Neal's political career coming before the interests of the taxpayer."

## LEGAL NOTICE

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### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing in the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of STANISLAW AND HELENA RUTKOWSKI who are seeking relief from Section 180-23, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the legal creation of a second housekeeping unit at the premises identified as 43 HALLADAY DRIVE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,  
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## Families

### Forastiere Family Can Help With Grief

Support Groups for anyone in the community who is grieving the death of a loved one are offered free of charge every month by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes. As part of their commitment to the community, the Forastieres offer two different kinds of support groups.

One group is designed for grieving family members and friends. It is held each fourth Monday of the month, this month being on October 19th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

Different support groups designed especially and solely for those who have lost a spouse are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, this month being on October 20th. There is an afternoon group and an evening group.

The afternoon group is held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam; the evening group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (lower church hall), 123 William Street, Springfield.

There is no pre-registration required. Participants need merely to attend any meeting they choose. All groups are free of charge and facilitated by Grief Counselor/Educator Lila Forastiere.

For further information, call 733-5311.

(The Forastiere Family Funeral Homes are comprised of Forastiere Funeral Home in Springfield, Colonial Funeral Home in Agawam, and Southwick Funeral Home.)

### Pioneer Valley Stampers Heading For NYC

The Pioneer Valley Stamp Club announces that it will take a bus trip to New York City on Sunday, November 1st, for a National Stamp Show.

The price for adults is \$20 round trip, and children are \$10. For more information, please call Joe Ryan at 786-1630.

### Agawam Residents With West Side '52



THE WEST SPRINGFIELD CLASS OF 1952 held its 40-year Class Reunion recently. Some of the members who attended included residents from Agawam (we'll let you figure out who).

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## Speaking From The Bible "Our Inheritance"

by David Lanquist, pastor  
Faith Bible Church, Agawam

Many of our homes are filled with precious treasures that were passed down to us from previous generations. Because we have families, we share their legacy in the values and the wisdom they have tried to teach us and even in the material goods they have left behind.

The same concept of a rich spiritual inheritance is repeated throughout Scripture. The singular, wonderful thought expressed is this: All that belongs to Jesus Christ belongs to His children.

As in most earthly inheritances, two stipulations apply: A death must take place, and we must be family members. Our spiritual inheritance was initiated and made possible by the sacrificial, substitutionary death of Jesus Christ.

"... He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place..." that "... those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance" (Hebrews, 9:15).

That inheritance can be enjoyed only by God's children who have placed their faith in Jesus' death and resurrection and thereby have become saints.

The believer's inheritance includes the forgiveness of his sins, the presence of God in this world, and the riches of eternal life in the age to come. Can any earthly inheritance compare?

## Agawam Participating In Regional Effort For Westfield River

On Saturday, October 24th, the Westfield River Watershed Association (WRWA), the Town of Agawam, City of Westfield, Town of West Springfield and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) will jointly sponsor and coordinate the second annual "Westfield River Clean-Up Day."

The purpose of this event is both to improve environmental quality in our area, along the river in particular, and also to boost public awareness of the Westfield River's value as an environmental and recreational resource.

The Westfield River is one of New England's most scenic rivers, but is in need of protection. Unfortunately, the river's Main Stem had, until recently, been used for decades as a "dumping ground" for trash, litter and assorted junk.

To address the many issues facing the Westfield River, the PVPC and WRWA have developed the **Westfield River Greenway Plan**, a master plan for river protection and improvement.

One direct benefit from the Plan has been that the Westfield River's three upper branches have been nominated, with the support of Governors Weld and Dukakis and area legislators, to become Massachusetts' first National Wild and Scenic River.

Another recommendation from the Greenway Plan is for regular "river clean-up days." The first such clean-up events were held in Agawam and Westfield in 1991 and organizers hope this Saturday's event will be the largest clean-up yet.

Volunteers are still needed for Saturday's event and are urged to contact Deborah Dachos of the Agawam Office of Planning and Community Development at 786-0400, ext. 283 for more information.

## Annual "Friends" Banquet On Oct. 22nd

"Enjoyable, entertaining, and a good time" are words used to describe the Fourth Annual Friends/Council on Aging Banquet. Scheduled for Thursday evening, October 22nd, at the Oaks Banquet House, this event is one not to be missed.

Tickets for the social hour, banquet, awards ceremonies, and entertainment will be only \$20 per person. In addition, many businesses and individuals have sent sponsorships or ads for the banquet booklet.

All proceeds realized from the event will be used to support and/or supplement programs and activities for the area's senior citizens.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Dan Yorke, a local radio and television personality/host. In addition, musical entertainment will be provided by Libby Campa.

Tickets and reservations will be available through the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center. You may also purchase tickets from any member of the Council on Aging.

## Harvest Oldies Dance By Ag. Band Parents

The Agawam High School Band Parents will hold a "Harvest Oldies Dance" on Friday, October 23rd, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills.

Musical entertainment will be provided by D.J. Bill Daudelin, and everyone is invited to bring their own snacks.

The cost is \$5 per person prior to the day of the event, and \$6 per person at the door. To reserve tickets ahead of time, call Wes Mueller at 789-1757, or Chris Mangano at 789-3128.

## Ag. Congo Merriweds Plan Chicken Dinner

The Merriweds of Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Breast of Chicken Dinner at the church, 745 Main Street on November 12th, with sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will include breast of chicken, baked potato, carrots, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, rolls, beverages and homemade cake.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

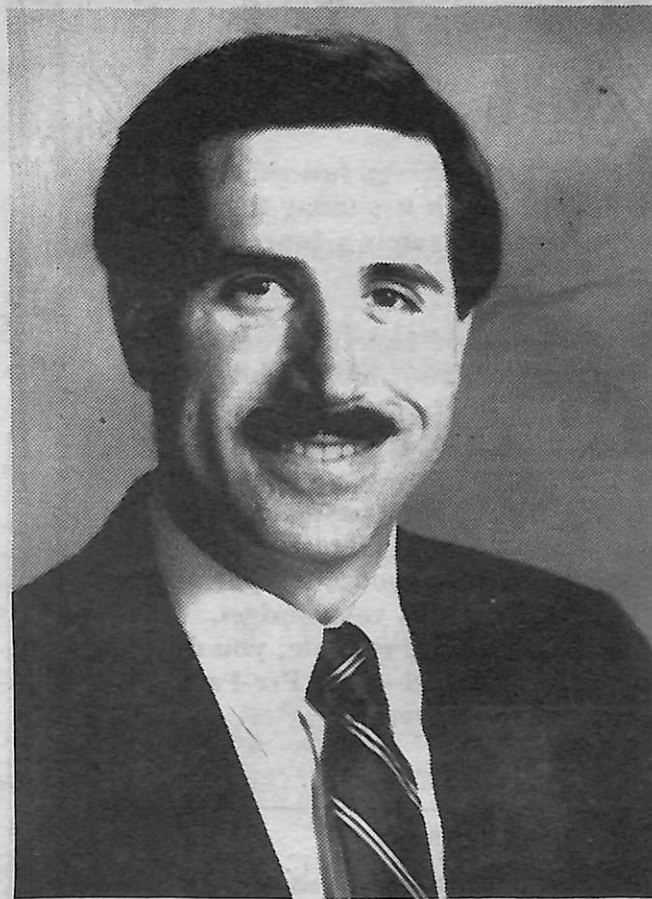
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## 150 Walk To Fight Juvenile Diabetes



THE WESTERN MASS. CHAPTER of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation held its Annual Walkathon on Sunday, October 4th. In photo left, presenting Agawam Lions Club President Roger Jones with a plaque for all that the Lions do for JDF is Phyllis Mason (left), Justin Byrne (JDF poster child), Louise Aniello and Joan Karam, representing JDF. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Mrs. Aniello and Mrs. Karam present Honorary Co-Chairpersons, Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski and Lynn Barry, weekend anchor of TV 22, with plaques to thank them for their support. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 11. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## 150 Walk For Juvenile Diabetes



THE JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION of Western Mass. held its Annual Walkathon on Sunday, October 4th, beginning at Agawam High School. IN TOP PHOTO, the wife of late Gerald J. Mason, Phyllis Mason (right), and Linda Chmielewski, wife of Honorary Walk Chairman, Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski, look on while Ric Sardella, editor and publisher of THE ADVERTISER NEWS, displays a plaque he had just received from JDF for volunteer service during 1992. Gerry Mason was a great friend and fundraiser for JDF for many years. IN PHOTO BELOW, members of the Agawam Lions Club once again volunteered to provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drink, and ice cream for lunch following the walk. From left - Lyman Simpson, Jim Loomis, John Negrucci, Paul Fieldstad, Mike Alvaro, Roger Jones (president), and Fred Serra. RELATED PHOTOS ON Page 9. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Ag. Congregational Preparing Cookbooks

The Wednesday Night Service of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, is at 7:00 p.m. with the R.E.L.A.T.E series following at 7:30 p.m. The R.E.L.A.T.E. series is open to all.

One hundred seventy five Anniversary Church Cookbooks will be available by November 1st. Reserve yours today! The cookbook is entitled "Breaking Bread Together."

Over 500 treasured recipes are included in the cookbook. The cost is \$8.50 per copy. Call the church office at 786-7111 today to reserve your copies. The Cookbook Committee includes Sue Tapply, Judi Brosseau, Jean Tharin, Louise Fuller and Grace Tilden.

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There will be three Halloween parties at the church this year. The first party is for the 3.2.1 KONTACT! Group, which includes kindergarten through third graders. It will be held on October 29th from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Also on that night, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the 456 Club (fourth through sixth graders) will have their Halloween party.

On Friday, October 30th, from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m., the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be sponsoring a Halloween Dance/Party. Admission is \$2 for adults, plus a canned good; youths, \$1 plus a canned good. There will be dancing, games and refreshments served.

Come and enjoy a night of fun and don't forget to dress as your favorite Halloween character!

## AHS Class Of 1953 Planning Big 40th

The Reunion Committee of the Agawam High School Class of 1953 is having a meeting to plan the 40th reunion. The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Fogg, 45 Barney Street, Agawam, on October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

If anyone would like to help plan the reunion, please feel free to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or cannot attend this meeting but would like to be included in future planning sessions, please call Jim or Jerry Fogg at 786-5998.

## Retired Postal Workers To Be Honored Nov. 7

Cindy Meyer, Al Berard, and Harry Bregonzio—who have delivered mail in the Agawam and Feeding Hills communities for a total of 69 years—will be honored with a retirement party at Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield, on Saturday, November 7th.

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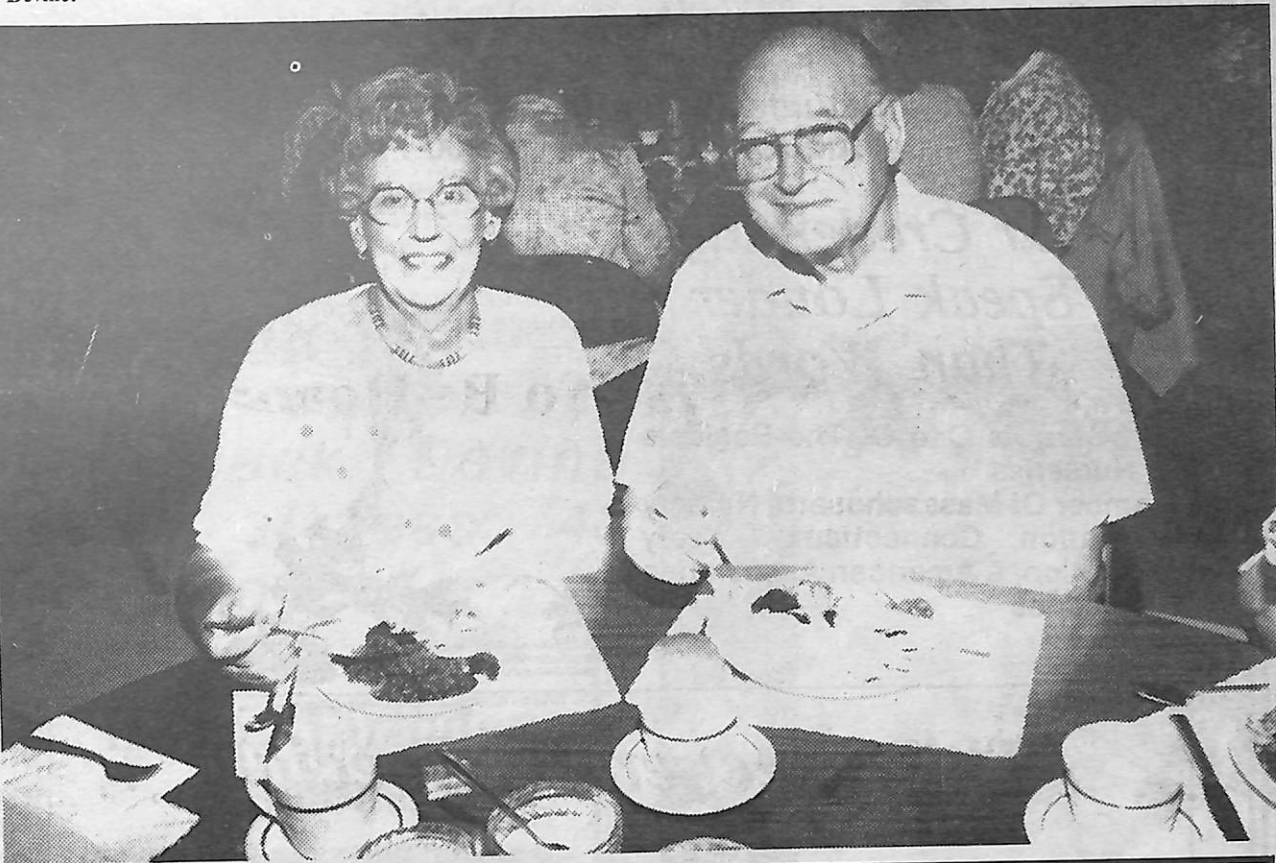
## Saturday Night Church Supper At Ag. Baptist



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH had one of its delicious Smorgasbord Suppers on Saturday, October 1st. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Trygve S. & Barbara Petersen go through the line; IN PHOTO BELOW, Allen & Doris Kelley dig in. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



NORM ROBERTS & DON NOWILL volunteered their services in the kitchen of the Agawam First Baptist Church for the Annual Harvest Smorgasbord. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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**Tuesday, October 20th:** Turkey vegetable soup, quiche, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, cookie.

**Wednesday, October 21st:** Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, Canadian oat bread, apple-sauce with raisins.

**Thursday, October 22nd:** Baked chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, butternut squash, oatmeal bread, canned pears.

**Friday, October 23rd:** Salmon patty, mashed potatoes, zucchini & yellow squash, rye bread, rice pudding.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Guest Preacher At Ag. United Methodist; CROP Walk Sunday

Jeffrey C. Thomas will be the guest preacher Sunday, October 18th at Agawam United Methodist Church at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Mr. Thomas is Executive Director of United Methodist Camps and Conferences in southern New England. He has helped hundreds of young people find a closer relationship with God.

Mrs. Love Ashton will direct the choir.

Children's Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam United Methodist Church this Sunday for infants through grade eight.

New worshippers and Sunday School children are especially welcome. Lillian Haidemenos and Jean Hill are Co-Superintendents of the study program.

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The Annual CROP Walk For the Hungry for Agawam and West Springfield will start from Agawam United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 18th.

Registration begins with music and festivities at 1:00 p.m. The walk kicks off at 2:00 p.m. Anyone may gather sponsors and walk the 10 kilometer (6.2 mi.) course. All proceeds go to local, national and world hunger needs.

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57, across from Agawam High School. The public is always invited, and urged to call Pastor Laurence Hill at 786-5278, or Lay Leader Percy Mickey at 786-7991, for information.

## D.A.R.E. Walkathon Slated For Oct. 25th

The third annual D.A.R.E. Walkathon, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, will be held Sunday, October 25th at 12:30 p.m.

Children from the elementary and middle schools will walk two miles, from the Polish American Club to Agawam High School, to raise funds for the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. The program provides substance abuse prevention education to elementary and middle school children.

Pledge sheets will be given to all elementary and middle school students. The children can be sponsored either for the entire two miles or for every quarter mile.

Please help these children raise money for this very worthwhile cause by being a sponsor. Prizes will be awarded to those children from each school raising the most money.

If you would like more information, please call Sue at 786-7615.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member GFWC and GFWM.

## Officials, TV People At Agawam CROP

The Agawam and West Springfield CROP Walk Committee is pleased to have Ray Hershel and Paul Sutton (both on television station WGGB Channel 40), Mayor Christopher Johnson, State Representative Michael Walsh, and Town Councillor George Bitzas as Honorary Chairpersons of this year's CROP Walk.

The Walk, to be held on Sunday, October 18th, will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church at 459 Mill Street, across from the Agawam High School parking lot. Walkers' sign-up time is at 1:00 p.m.

Let's make this year's CROP Walk the best one ever. Remember, every step you take will help the needy of Agawam and West Springfield. See your church or club CROP Walk representative for a CROP Walk Pledge Card.

For more information, call Bob Broga at 786-7720. See you at the Walk!

## Used Winter Clothing At West Side Church

On Saturday, October 24th, the Women's Council of the Church of the Good Shepherd in West Springfield will host, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., "Next-to-New for a Day," featuring used winter clothing in good, clean condition for adults and children.

They event will be held downstairs in Colton Hall, which opens out onto Southworth Street.

Donations of good, used, clean clothing may be left at the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. daily.

Starting at 5:00 p.m., a chicken pot pie dinner will be served upstairs in Brigham Hall. The dinner will include salad, breads, rolls, cranberry sauce, beverages and their famous dessert bar. The cost of the dinner is \$6.50 for adults, \$3 for children.

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## AHS Class Of '72 Seeks Lost Members

The Agawam High School Class of 1972 will hold a 20-year reunion at Shaker Farms Country Club on November 27th, 1992.

If you know the addresses of any of the following people, please forward the information to D. Hopkins, 108 Monroe Street, Agawam, MA, 01001 (phone number 789-0976).

Leonard Ares, Margaret Avezzie, Mark Beaulieu, Theresa Beaulieu, Charles Bewes, Bruce Conant, Gary Costa, William Daudelin, John Davies, Sharon Davio, Doug Favereau, Mitzi Fay.

Catherine Gale, Gary Gibbs, Cynthia Grimaldi, Deborah Hale, Brad Hedges, Marianne Herzog, Tim Harrison, Melissa Holman, Debbie Knowles, Don Lamoureux, Lance Lamagdeleine, Steve Latour, Debbie Lynch, Maureen Moynihan, Linda Nelson.

Richard Palin, Sue Peloquin, Robert Poisson, Joanne Raynor, Debbie Rex, Ken Robbins, Dennis Rock, Dan Rose, Jackie Ryer, Donna Schebel, Debbie White, Caron Wiggins, Sharon Wiggins, Pam Wing, and James Yarmac.

## Benefit Dinner Dance For Jan Sadowski, Jr. Set For Polish Club

A benefit Dinner/Dance for Jan P. Sadowski, Jr., will be held on Friday, October 30th, at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills.

Jan has a brain tumor that requires laser surgery and this benefit will help defray mounting medical costs.

A cocktail hour will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 8:00 p.m. There will be raffles held throughout the night and a disc jockey will provide the entertainment for good listening and dancing.

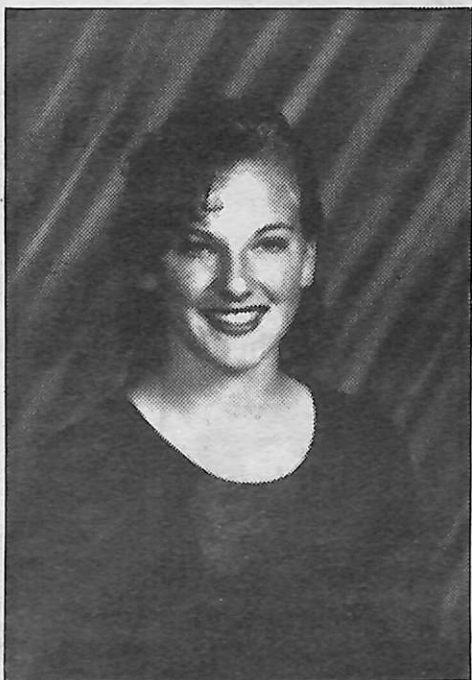
Tickets can be purchased from the following people: Edgar Regnier, 786-5493; Virginia Regnier, 786-5493; Pat Landers, 789-2069; at Amanda's Restaurant; or from Sandy Sadowski, 789-0484.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

A benefit savings account has been opened in Jan's name at Park WestBank, Feeding Hills Branch, for those who wish to send contributions.

*Please remember  
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hours notice!*

**Happy Birthday,  
Selena**



Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jeff,  
and Marie

## Daisy Scout Aprons & Old Uniforms Sought

Parents, do you have at home a recent "good as new" Daisy Girl Scout apron or Brownie or Junior Girl Scout uniform that your daughter has outgrown?

If you would like to sell it and make a profit, drop it off at St. David's Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills on Friday, October 16th between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. or 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

The uniform should be on a hanger with an envelope pinned to it stating size, selling price, name, address, and phone number.

You may also bring recent additions of Girl Scout handbooks—Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette.

Parents of new Girl Scouts or old Girl Scouts changing program levels are welcome to stop by and see what's available.

If you have any questions, call Margaret Bilodeau at 786-9083.

## Vivenzio Family Celebrates Twins

James and Laura Vivenzio of Agawam are proud to announce the birth of their children on September 20th. TWINS!

Ashley Claire was born at 2:22 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 2 oz., and was 18½ inches long. Alexander Joseph was born at 2:24 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and was 18 inches long.

They were born at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

The twins' maternal grandparents are Frederick and Ann Conti of Groton Long Point, Connecticut and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The paternal grandparents are Valentino and Barbara Vivenzio of Feeding Hills. Their paternal great-grandmother is Claire Colonna of Springfield.

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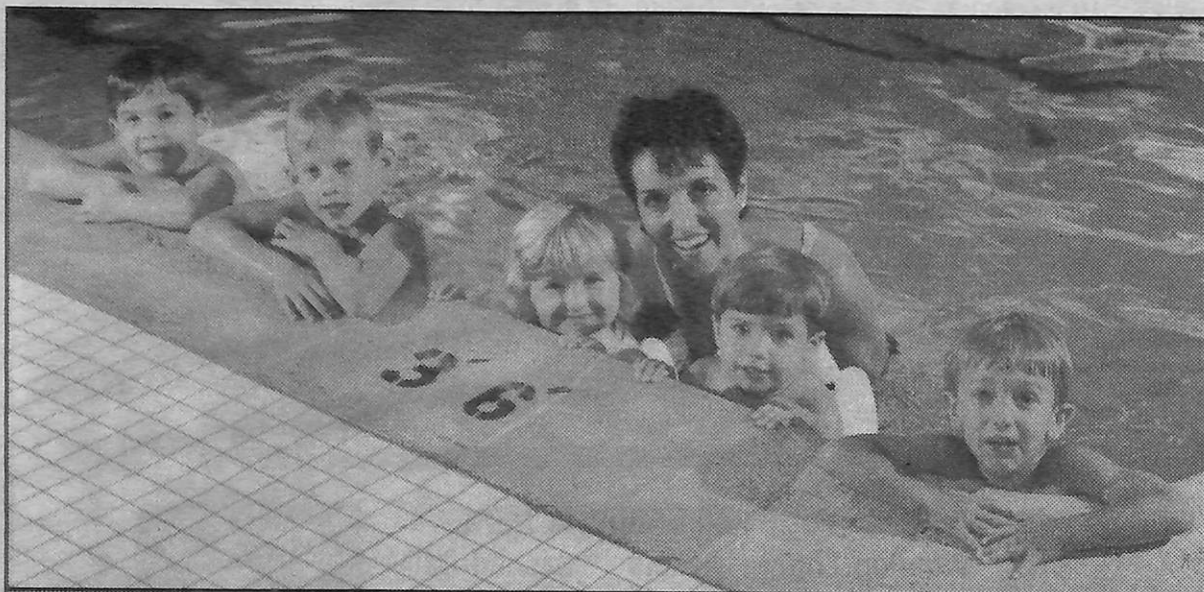
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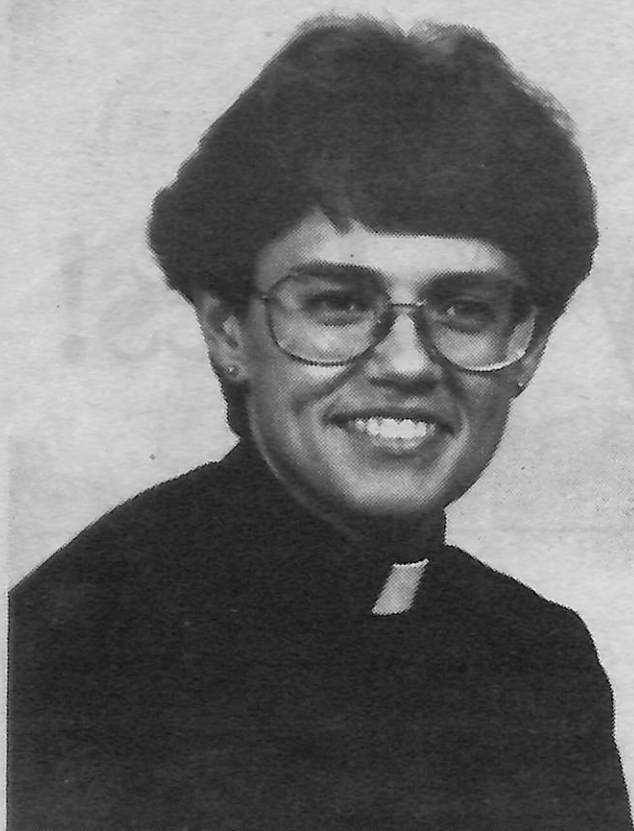
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## La Leche League Can Help New Moms

"Are there foods I should avoid if I breastfeed my baby?"

This and many other questions will be answered with the latest medical research and personal experience at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League monthly meeting on Monday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield.

The discussion will include suggestions about nutrition for nursing mothers and their families, as well as information about weaning the breastfed baby.

For further information, call Teresa at 734-5922, Jeanne at 739-7923, or Chris at 737-9700.

## Agawam Town History Good Holiday Gift

The *Agawam Town History*, written by Edith LaFrancis, is available for purchase to the public.

Each copy costs \$12.50 (plus tax) and can be bought at the following locations: Agawam Town Hall, the Agawam Public Library, and Surprise! Card & Gift Shop (Southgate Plaza).

## Cochranes Announce Birth Of First Child

Southwick: Dana and William Cochrane are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Colin Douglas Cochrane.

Colin was born at Baystate Medical/Wesson Women's Unit on September 8th at 7:14 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 15.8 ounces, and was 22½" long.

Maternal grandparents are Daniel and Beverly Moraski of Feeding Hills. Colin is their 10th grandchild.

Paternal grandparents are Adele Cochrane of Springfield and the late Douglas Cochrane. Colin is Adele's third grandchild.

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## Former Agawam High Graduate Named Associate Pastor At Texas Church

Pastor Debra Grant, daughter of Mrs. Mary Grant Mulcahy of Lealand Avenue, Agawam, is the new associate pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church, as well as campus pastor for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's college ministry at Texas A&M, Texas.

Pastor Grant was a 1972 graduate of Agawam High School and was active in the school's band and musical productions.

Pastor Grant's appointment by two Lutheran Churches is sponsored by the council for the Lutheran Campus Ministry in Texas and Louisiana, the agency responsible for campus ministry.

Installation ceremonies for Pastor Grant were held on September 27th in Peace Lutheran Church.

Pastor Grant will have an office at Peace

Lutheran Church, but will work both church congregations. She comes to Texas from Clemson, South Carolina, where she held a similar position for the past five years. Pastor Grant was one of the staff pastors at the University Lutheran Church and the campus minister for the Lutheran Church conference at Clemson University.

Pastor Grant attended Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Her first job after finishing seminary school was establishing a congregation of Goodletsville, Tennessee, a suburb of Nashville.

Pastor Grant was ordained at Zion Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh. She holds a master of divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and a bachelor of arts degree in English and biblical studies from Barrington College (now Gordon College in Rhode Island).

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# Tag Sale At St. David's Church



ST. DAVID'S CHURCH on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills held a Tag Sale earlier this month. IN PHOTO LEFT, selling kids' toys and stuffed animals are Laurel Nunn, Kelly Fitzgerald, Sarah Nunn, and Nikki Lemarier. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Edie Chiba, wife of THE AAN'S famous outdoors writer, Bill Chiba, was busy selling odds and ends at the event. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 20. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## AHS Class Of '73 Plans 20th Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1973 is planning its 20th-year reunion.

Anyone interested in working on the reunion committee for this special event is welcome to attend a meeting on Thursday evening, October 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

If you are interested in helping or need more information, please contact Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Peggy Gacona Cardaropoli at 786-5247.

## Private Mancuso Ends Basic Training

Private Anthony L. Mancuso has completed basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Mancuso is the son of Terril L. Mancuso of 70 Colony Road, West Springfield, and Anne B. Ruelle of 72 Kellogg Avenue, Feeding Hills.

He is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School.

## Holiday Craft Fair At Polish Club Nov. 7th

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam will be holding a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the club's grounds (139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills).

Booths will be featuring handmade crafts, a Polish kitchen, and baked goods.

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## Cowan Kids Help With Tag Sale

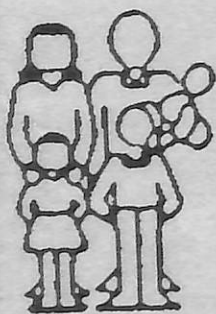


YOUNGSTERS FROM St. David's Church, including the children of Pastor Len Cowan, helped with a recent Tag Sale at the church. From left - Betsy Cowan, Jillian Lawson, Sarah Cowan, Kristen Lawson, and Heidy Rydell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## 50-Years Plus For Agawam Golden Agers



THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB (Chapter II) held its Annual Anniversary Banquet earlier this month. From left, honored for their wedding anniversaries were, from left - Harvey & Edna Sheridan, 55 years; Norman & Sophie Jasmin, 50 years; and Paul & Sophie Martin, 50 years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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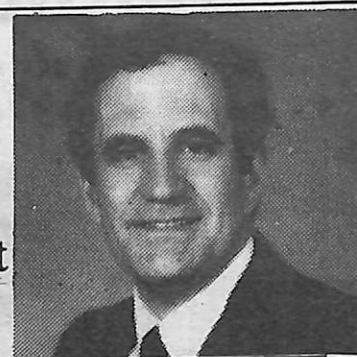
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## Spotlight On Business

### MaryAnn Studio Celebrates 35 Years Of Family Dancing

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Staff

Dancing, it has been said, is an expression of the soul. For MaryAnn Langone, owner of the **MaryAnn Studio of Dance**, dancing is a way of life. MaryAnn started dancing at an early age and continues her love of this art form through her work.

The **MaryAnn Studio of Dance** started 35 years ago in the South End of Springfield and has since evolved to include two dance studios servicing the Agawam/Springfield areas. **MaryAnn Studio of Dance** is located at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, and at 438 Boston Road. Classes are held every Tuesday and Wednesday in Agawam.

MaryAnn learned dance locally as a child and later went to New York and studied with Gwen Verdon (of the movie *Cocoon* fame and other performances). MaryAnn was also a member of the Manhattan Rockettes.

All teachers at the **MaryAnn Studio of Dance** work full-time at both studios and all are college graduates. MaryAnn said, "I am proud of my girls. They have been with me a long time. I love them all."

Dance instructors Michelle, Teresa, Missy, and April were all students at the **MaryAnn Studio of Dance** from the time they were small. Prior to becoming teachers, they continued up through the ranks as student helpers and then teacher's aides. MaryAnn said, "It takes me about 15 years to train my teachers."

Most of MaryAnn's students have been with her for years and as she stated, "A lot of our children are second- and third-generation students."

SEE DANCING - Page 22...



MARYANN LANGONE, owner of MaryAnn's Studio of Dance, and teachers Michelle and Missy, are pictured with students Christina Graziano, Alyssa Zmaczynski, Kelli Sullivan, Nicole Granger, and Denise Sekula at their Agawam studio inside the Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

### DANCE - from Page 21...

There's a warmth that pervades this school. MaryAnn likes everyone to feel comfortable and is happy her student body feels like one big family. She said, "It's a nice atmosphere in both our studios. Everyone is so nice."

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Family is important to the MaryAnn Studio of Dance. Their business is founded on it. David Langone, MaryAnn's husband, manages the studios. Their daughter, Lisa, has taught dance and as a physical therapist adds an extra dimension to the school. Rita, MaryAnn's mother, has worked behind the desk since the business was started in 1956.

Many classes in many dance forms are offered at the MaryAnn School of Dance. For instance, in addition to tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, and MTV jazz, lessons in acrobatics, gymnastics, baton, and country western clogging are also available. It is important to keep up with the latest styles and intradance influences. MaryAnn continually updates her classes to include the newest in dance techniques.

Classes are available to everyone and students range in age from 1½ years to over 60 years. There are many specialized classes, as well. MaryAnn's has classes that are open to toddlers 18 months and over. They include parental participation. MaryAnn also highlights a Special Needs dance class that is popular and rewarding, she told us.

MaryAnn explained, "I love to dance and I love children. It's so wonderful to watch them grow. Children bloom through dancing. Some children are shy and others don't have many playmates, so dancing is a great social time for them as well as a creative time that brings the children into their own."

A lot of sharing is also done at an extraordinary annual recital each June. Students dance their stuff and enjoy each other's successes in performing their art.

The MaryAnn Studio of Dance is open daily and can be reached at either 786-4837 or 782-4600.

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MARYANN LANGONE with staff members and students - Danielle Calabrese, Missy (teacher), Juliana Welch, Katelyn Iacolo, Tiffany DeGray, Kasey Carley, and Michelle (teacher).

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AT THE MARYANN STUDIO OF DANCE, from left - teacher Teresa O'Brien, Natalie Piccin, Michelle Butler (teacher), Shauna Hadden, and Sarah Latif. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...



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## Cutting Your Debt

Last week we discussed the general rules used to determine if you were carrying too much debt in relation to your personal income ... hopefully, you took the time to calculate out the ratios so that you now have an intelligent understanding as to what percent of your wages goes towards paying your fixed monthly debt.

This week, let's turn our attention towards the steps you should be taking if you happened to find yourself deeper in debt than you had originally thought.

As in most of my writing, I've broken down the procedure into simple steps that can easily be accomplished ... I strongly urge you to read the info listed below ... and set your goals.

**\* RULE 1: DON'T BORROW TO PAY FOR ANYTHING AS PERISHABLE AS A VACATION.**

Finance only the kinds of purchases that deliver long-term returns. Try to pay for anything else ... a car, an appliance, furnishings, etc., with cash.

If you must take out a charge plate, be sure you'll have the cash to pay the bill in full when it arrives. Sure, that may rule out the \$3,000 vacation in Florida ... but ask yourself, what stopped you from saving up for the trip?

**\* RULE 2: LIQUIDATE YOUR COSTLIEST DEBTS FIRST.**

Do this by drawing up a table with columns for the names of all your creditors, the balanced owed to each, the payments due each month, and the interest rates.

You may find that you owe interest at 21% on credit cards, 15% on a personal loan, 12% on a mortgage, 10% on a car loan, and nothing on money borrowed from relatives.

With no disrespect to relatives, pay off the

credit cards first! Put your mortgage last on your debt-liquidation list because the interest is tax deductible. If you are in the 28% tax bracket, a 12% mortgage costs only 8.64%, after federal taxes.

**\* RULE 3: GET A GRIP ON YOUR CREDIT CARDS.**

Most credit cards issuers charge annual interest rates of 18% to 21%, making the cards among the most expensive ways to borrow.

One method of slicing your credit card debt is by cutting up unnecessary cards. You need only one or two cards for personal use and perhaps another for business expenses. Always try to pay off the monthly bill in full. Never pay merely the bare minimum ... that just saddles you with more debt.

**\* RULE 4: INVESTIGATE DEBT CONSOLIDATION LOANS.**

The pitch is time honored ... "If you borrow from us, you'll make just one easy monthly payment at a lower interest rate and we'll pay off your other loans." ... though, sometimes debt consolidators are bad deals.

They are likely to charge a higher interest rate than you were paying, and they might fail to settle your old debts. You may be thinking about consolidating your debts by taking out a home equity loan to pay off your credit card bills and personal loans ... look at this method very closely.

Make a list of all of the pros and cons of using this type of program ... and then review the results. Unless you're a paragon of self-discipline, however, resist the temptation.

It's awfully hard to snub any new debt. Most families owe money again within six months on their paid-up credit cards.

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Here's the first four rules of controlling your debt (I'll review the remaining rules in next week's column). With the economy showing no noticeable improvements, there's all the more reason for you to take charge of your personal finances, especially your debt.

List your problem areas ... set your goals ... make a plan ... and JUST DO IT! ... Best wishes!

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After a slump of several years, however, low interest rates have made home-buying a possibility again in many areas of the country ... especially for the first timers. As an aid to new home-buyers, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is offering a concise, 32-page booklet titled **A HOME OF YOUR OWN**.

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## Combating College Costs

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According to 1990 figures from The College Board, the average cost (tuition, room, board, books, transportation, etc.) at a private college is more than \$15,000 a year. (Back in 1970, a year at Harvard University cost just \$2,600.) So, is public college a lot cheaper? A year at a public college costs about \$7,000.

There appears to be no end to the cost increases. Let's say you have a child who will enter college in 1999, just seven years away. If costs keep rising as they have in recent years, the price of a four-year education at a public college will be just under \$43,000. A private school will run you about \$94,000.

A big reason for the skyrocketing costs is a tighter policy by the federal government. Uncle Sam used to provide substantial subsidies to colleges and universities to keep tuition low and to provide more money for student loans.

What can you do? Student loans and scholarships still exist, but for most parents it will take more than that.

The first thing you need to do is figure out approximately how much money it will take to send your child through four years of school. Pick a likely school and find out what the tuition, room and board costs are and how much they're increased in recent years.

You can project those increases over a four-year period, and you should have a pretty good idea of what the total will be by graduation time. Then you also should factor in inflation.

The next thing is to figure out how much money you need to set aside to meet the cost. For example, you have an eight year-old child and you estimate the total college cost to be approximately \$60,000.

That means that during the next 10 years, you'll need to save about \$4,400 a year, assuming your dollars earn an average of seven percent a year—after 10 years, your investment would grow to \$60,000.

The investments you use to finance your child's education will largely depend on how many years remain before the child starts college and the amount of risk you're comfortable with. Most importantly, start saving as soon as possible. The longer you wait, the fewer options you'll have.

A professional financial planner can help project the cost of sending your child to college and determine which investment vehicles are most appropriate for your personal attention.

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Jim is looking forward to serving the needs of his clients and customers through ongoing training, along with the support of a fulltime professional staff.

Jim and his wife, Mary Jo, reside with their

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Active in St. Thomas Church as a cantor, Jim also is a member of Council No. 2212 Knights of Columbus, West Springfield and coaches soccer, CYO basketball and Little League baseball.

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. is a full service real estate company with offices in Westfield, Springfield, Agawam and West Springfield.

You can reach Jim at the Agawam office at 789-3985.

## Springfield Accountants To Meet October 21st

The Springfield Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants will be holding their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 21st.

The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Storowton Tavern, Eastern States Grounds, 1305 Memorial Drive, West Springfield.

Hyman G. Darling, Esquire, an Attorney with

Bacon & Wilson, PC, will be the featured speaker. His topic will be "Wills and Trusts."

The cost for the evening is \$10 for students, \$13 ELA, and \$15 for members. Guests are welcome.

For reservations, please call Peter Hanson at (413) 786-2355 or John Paresky at (413) 665-3921.

## Suffield Thrift Shop Good Place To Stop For Low-Priced Winter Family Clothing

Suffield: The Suffield Auxiliary Child & Family Services, Inc. begins a new season at the Suffield Thrift Shop.

The Thrift Shop, operated by Auxiliary members, is located at 35 Mountain Road. At the June meeting, the Auxiliary elected new officers and voted to send \$8,500 to Child & Family Services, Inc. of Hartford.

Bobbie C. Kling serves as the newly elected Chairman; Kay Greenleaf as Secretary; and Helen Zera, Treasurer. Eleanor Ellis serves as Chairman of Thrift Shop Committee.

The Thrift Shop is open Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is open Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Over the past 15 years, the Suffield Auxiliary has operated the Thrift Shop and sent approximately \$85,000 to Child & Family Services from funds earned by the Thrift Shop, which is staffed by its members who volunteer a sales thrift each month. Members stock the Shop from donated clothes and other items, such as small appliances, books, and small household goods.

Child & Family Services, Inc. of Hartford is a non-sectarian and voluntary supported private agency providing child welfare, family services, and mental health programs to children and their families in the Greater Hartford area.

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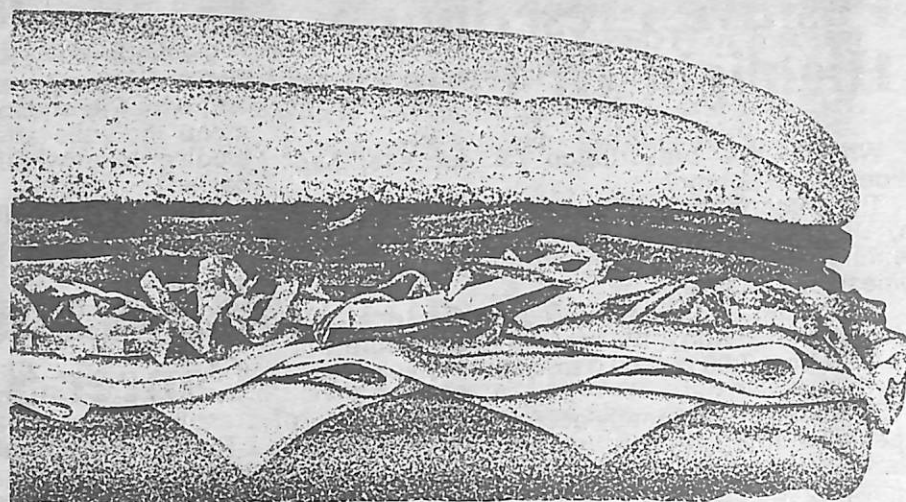
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## For Your Health

### Influenza Clinic At Agawam Senior Center Scheduled Oct. 21st

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an Influenza Clinic at the Senior Center on Wright Street, for Wednesday, October 21st, 1992, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over, or if you have chronic conditions such as: heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

There will also be a clinic at Danahy Schoolhouse on Maple Street on Tuesday, October 27th, 1992, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for residents in that area.

### Positive Prescription Highlight Of Program

What is the prescription for success, happiness, and humor?

The prescription will be filled on October 21st by Dr. Steve Sobel, who will present a two-hour lecture entitled "Prescription for Success, Happiness and Humor."

Sponsored by Baystate Medical Center's Division of Hematology, the motivational lecture will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Holyoke Holiday Inn.

Dr. Sobel is a nationally-acclaimed motivational speaker/humorist and author of the "Good Times Handbook." He will discuss "how to take yourself lightly so you can take your job seriously," as well as how to develop a healthy look at "life's big picture" and other necessary priorities.

The cost of the lecture is \$25.

The lecture carries 2.2 contact hours approved by the Massachusetts Nurses Association.

For more information, or to register, contact Joanna Barnett in Baystate Medical Center's Office of Continuing Education at 784-3466.

### Halloween Blood Drive At Providence Hospital

Providence and Mercy Hospitals are combining once again for a Halloween Blood Drive to be held at Providence Hospital's auditorium on Tuesday, October 27th, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The drive will have a Halloween theme and there will be gifts and goodies for all donors.

In addition to refreshments and free blood pressure checks, a free cholesterol check will also be given.

The first 100 donors will also receive a credit card sized, solar powered calculator and a thank you pen.

Walk-in donors will be welcome.

Those who have questions or who wish to sign up early, may call 539-2675.

### Manipulative Patients Topic Of Discussion

"How to Deal with Manipulative Patients and Families" will be the topic of an education program for area medical personnel on Thursday, October 29th, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Providence Hospital Auditorium.

Joanne DiSanto, RN, MS, educator and the Institute of the Living in Hartford, CT, will be the speaker.

According to Marjorie A. Shaw, RN, BSPN, the fee for the program is \$10, and a total of 2.5 continuing education units will be awarded.

For more information, persons may call Ms. Shaw at 539-2844.

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### Agawam Counseling Center Sponsoring Support Group For Parents Of Teens

The Agawam Counseling Center is pleased to announce that it will be sponsoring an educational/support group for parents of teenagers.

The focus of the group will be on developing parenting skills and improving parent-child relationships. The program is based on the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP), a nationwide and successful parent education program.

The program will begin at the end of October and will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. There will be six sessions which will be held at the Agawam Counseling Center, 30

Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. The cost of the group will be \$60 for the entire series, or \$11 per session.

Though the program will be oriented towards parents of teenagers, others who are interested are welcome. The sessions will be conducted by Nicole Gillette, a psychologist who is trained and experienced in facilitating this program.

Those who would like to register for the program, please call the Agawam Counseling Center at 786-6410 and ask for Nancy Jessup. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

### Noble Hospital Presenting "Smart Dinner" For Your Heart On October 21st

Noble Hospital will offer a special "Heart Smart Dinner" on Wednesday, October 21st.

The class will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the hospital auditorium and includes dinner and a lecture. Dinner will be served promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Carmela Kirk, R.N. and Registered Dietician Sarah Ellis will lecture about general wellness and why the chosen menu is heart healthy. The menu includes an assortment of appetizers including healthy chips, bean dip, and eggplant caviar.

The dinner will be onion and fish curry, vegetable paella and marinated mushrooms.

Dessert will be poached pears with strawberry puree.

The program is offered by Noble Hospital's Cardia Rehabilitation and Dietary Departments. It is designed to help individuals reduce fat and cholesterol levels.

The program is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is necessary and payment must be received by October 15th. Checks may be made out and mailed out to Noble Hospital, Carmela Kirk, R.N., 115 W. Silver St., Westfield, MA 01086.

For further information or to register, call Carmela Kirk, R.N. at 568-2811, ext. 229.

### Sarat Ford Helping Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is forming a planning committee for a Jail & Bail event to be held at Sarat Ford, Springfield Street, Agawam, on November 4th and 5th.

Members of the committee will decide how to have your favorite person thrown in the "slammer." Participation in this event is completely voluntary; willing participants will be picked up at their home or office by a real off-duty police officer and hauled off to the jail. While behind bars, prisoners will be phoning friends and relatives to raise bail for the fight against cancer.

All profits from Jail & Bail will go toward funding the cancer research, patient services, and lifesaving education programs of the American Cancer Society.

Interested in having someone arrested or being part of the committee? Contact Carol Whalen at 536-2255.

### Breakfast Program At Ag. Senior Center

On Monday, October 19th, the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor (off Wright Street), will be hosting another Breakfast Program in conjunction with Senior Class of Baystate Medical Center.

Breakfast will commence at 8:00 a.m. with a presentation at 9:00 a.m.

The topic will be Medical Ethics.

Breakfast will comprise of juice, coffee, cereal, fruit and muffin and the donation will be \$1.50 per person.

For reservations, call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242 or "The Professionals" at 784-2255.

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## Arts

### Student Theatre Group Staging Eerie Tale For Halloween Season

STAGE, a student theatre arts group, will present the premiere production of *House of Shadows* by Lyle Pearsons on Friday, October 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 24th, at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, October 25th, at 2:00 p.m.

The play is a culmination of an eight-week afterschool program for young people seven to 15 years of age. The theatre arts camp is in its fifth season and is operated by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons out of The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills on the campus of the Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center.

The two award-winning actor/directors recently completed a successful Summer Theatre Camp at the facility, which they share with the Agawam Repertory Theatre (ART).

*House of Shadows* is an original tale about two children, Calvin (played by Bobby Boyd of Southwick) and Rena Pockets (played by Michelle Barako of Westfield), who have been sent to a workhouse in order to keep their father from going to debtor's prison.

The dreaded factory is run by the tyrannical Mistress Gallbile (played by Katie Alaimo of Suffield), and the children soon learn that the workhouse is not all that it is supposed to be.

While the children slave and toil upstairs, there are mysterious goings-on on the basement where Dr. Changeling (played by Matt Browne of Suffield) conducts his experiments. The adventure begins when the poor, young laborers begin to investigate why some of them "disappear" each night, and what is making all those strange sounds under the floor.

This is not the first eerie tale Pearsons has written. The Suffield playwright has had a children's musical, *Frankenstein*, produced in Boston by The Profile Ensemble Theatre. Additionally, two of his other works, *Dracula II: The Second Coming* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, have been performed by the Suffield Players.

The cast of *House of Shadows* is comprised of 38 young people from Agawam, Southwick, Suffield, Westfield, Springfield, Enfield, and Longmeadow, and many of these budding thespians have been in STAGE's previous productions.

Generally, STAGE's shows are geared for all audiences, but directors Secora and Pearsons suggest that pre-schoolers might find *House of Shadows* a little too scary.

Tickets for the play are now on sale and cost only \$3 each. Reservations are suggested, and seating is reserved on a first call, first serve basis. Call (203) 668-0858 or (413) 569-0318 to reserve your ticket(s).

### Encore Players Plan Auditions For Show

The Encore Players will hold auditions for 10 women and four men for the musical *Jerry's Girls* on Sunday, October 25th, and Monday, October 26th, at 7:00 p.m.

Tryouts will be held at the MacDuffie School, Ames Hill Drive (off Maple Street), Springfield. The production is scheduled for March 1993. Those trying out are asked to prepare any song by Jerry Herman.

Director Mark Giza and musical director Karen Dion, who worked together on Encore's highly successful *Baby* last season, will be the directors for *Jerry's Girls*. For further information, call Mr. Giza evenings at (413) 543-4203.

### Agawam Seeking New Arts Council Members

The Town of Agawam is seeking individuals to serve on its Cultural Council. The Agawam Cultural Council's main purpose is to distribute funds through grants to individuals and organizations in our community.

Other projects are the First Friday Series presented each month, Summer Concerts, and the funding for the Mid Winter Nights that have taken place the last two New Year's Eves.

If you are interested in serving on this council, please contact the Mayor's Office at 786-0400 or JoAnne Condon, chairperson, at 789-0994.



LAUREN CRESSOTTI, MICHELLE O'CONNOR, and JOHANNA MESOTI of Agawam receive a warning from Briony Davies of Suffield not to go into the basement in STAGE's Halloween production, *"House Of Shadows,"* which will be October 23rd, and play Oct. 24th and 25th, at the Red Door Theatre, Valley Community Church, Feeding Hills.

### Michael Rheault, Formerly Of Ag. Named Choral Director At AIC

Springfield resident Michael J. Rheault, formerly of Agawam, has been named chorale director at American International College.

The appointment was made recently by Blaine K. Stevens, vice president for student affairs at AIC.

In his new position, Rheault will be responsible for directing, advising and organizing the AIC Chorale and its performances. The AIC Chorale is an active student organization who will give their Christmas concert this December, under Rheault's direction.

Rheault graduated cum laude with a bachelor of music degree from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, where he is currently a candidate for a certificate in music education.

He is a graduate of Agawam High School and is the son of Don and Joan Rheault of Feeding Hills.

Prior to coming to AIC, Rheault was the music director for Broadway *"Serenade,"* at Serenade Productions in Ludlow. He was also the music director/accompanist for *"Cabaret,"* and accompanist for *"Kiss Me, Kate."* Both productions were presented at Bay Path College in Longmeadow.

He also served as music director for American Cabaret: European Roots, in New York City, and for the production *"Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris"* for the Ludlow Music and Arts Society in Ludlow.

Rheault lives at 27 Forest Park Avenue in Springfield.

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- 26 Spin a yarn
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## Huge Book Sale Going For Springfield Library

The Friends of the Springfield City Library will hold their 12th annual book and record sale October 16th and 17th at the Springfield Civic Center, Dwight Street entrance.

Included are best-sellers, paperbacks, fiction, biography, poetry, history, reference, cooking, garden, art, craft and how-to books. A large children's section offers bargains on reading material for youngsters, and this year, for the first time, videos will also be available.

Members of the Friends of the Library or of the Springfield Library & Museums are invited to a special opening night on Wednesday, October 14th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Members must have their membership cards with them, or new members may purchase a \$3 Friends membership at the door.

The Friends of the Library is a support organization with more than 400 members. The volunteer group raises funds for the library system, sponsors a variety of special projects and offers educational programs for the public.

The sale will be open to the public: Friday, October 16th, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 17th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

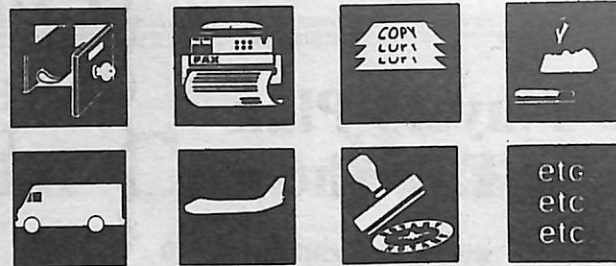
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# This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

## —Glengarry Glen Ross

Playwright David Mamet should have his mouth washed out with soap. Then he can rescript the film version of *Glengarry Glen Ross* so that audiences can sit through its marvelous performances without flinching.

In fact, the language is what keeps it from being perhaps the best film of the year.

Jack Lemmon stars as the down-on-his-luck real estate salesman always looking for leads. Co-workers (including Al Pacino as a fast-talking hustler) are deeply competitive, yet they never fail to shift gears and back each other up in the cons they play to close the deal.

Lemmon is phenomenal to watch, whether he's sitting in a cramped phone booth making a pitch, or shifting from shop talk to sales talk in mid-stream; he runs a gamut of expressions and persuasive intonations as he lies, cheats and virtually steals his clients blind as he struggles to close the deal.

Pacino and Lemmon, in one segment, are faced with a sale about to fall through. They ad lib their way in and around an increasingly befuddled mark in whirlwind fashion that is dazzling to behold.

Each of the salesmen are faced with a produce-or-walk ultimatum from corporate higher-ups concerned only with high profit margins, and that pits desperation against integrity (with the latter falling by the wayside).

The film, despite its powerful performances, is marred by language so perpetually foul it stinks. Vulgarities number in the hundreds, and come in rapid succession ... sometimes six, eight or 10 to a sentence. In the absence of an English vocabulary, add profanity. Mamet may think it works.

However, the departing audiences apparently have about as much appreciation for it as this reporter did. In fact, some choice vulgarities at the climatic scenes may well have worked well. But, as written, the screenplay so bombards the viewers with obscenities that the brain becomes numb to it; it loses power and impact.

It's also just plain offensive.

*Glengarry Glen Ross* has a lot of Oscar-worthy material—performances, direction, production design ... it is too bad the language didn't measure up.

## —1492: Conquest of Paradise

The long-awaited 'real' Columbus movie, *1492: Conquest of Paradise*, is far more lush than its August predecessor, *Christopher Columbus: The Discovery*.

Ridley Scott directs this epic film with a lush and lavish hand, offering panoramic views of worlds old and new, opulent costumes, rich textures, and a host of characters to blend with his visual style.

A hefty Gerard Depardieu is Columbus, a man of dreams and visions of a new world. Armand Assante is his friend and presumed ally Sanchez. Sigourney Weaver makes an elegantly regal Queen Isabella. And from this wiley trio and their cat-and-mouse plotting and planning, the journey to the new world begins.

French journalist Roselynn Bosch wrote the screenplay, supposedly a historically accurate one in which Amerigo Vespucci is ultimately credited with finding the new world.

The film is exquisitely filmed, if overly long at two-and-a-half hours.

The prelude to the discovery is covered in far greater detail than the sighting of land; and, as settlements emerge, Columbus remains an apparent voice of reason at a time when native Americans were being victimized and persecuted by the newcomers to their land.

The film has some wonderful moments, most often between Columbus and his young son. In one segment, the youth (troubled by his father's prostrate form in penance before an altar) lies beside him, resting his cheek against his father's hand on the stone floor.

In another moment, the now-grown son is seated, pen poised, asking his aged father to 'remember' how it was on the day of discovery.

The segments between Weaver and Depardieu were resplendent in style and visual effectiveness; the costuming created for the Queen was, in a word, stunning. Another wonderful segment depicted the raising of a mission bell.

*1492* is overly long and increasingly violent, but it also fascinates as it shows the settlers' terror in the eye of a tropical storm that deluges San Salvador, and speculative images of a world long since 'conquered.'

If the pairing of a French accent and conquistador clothing seems odd, that oddity is lost in the greater picture.

## —Under Siege

*Under Siege* is Steven Seagal's newest action

adventure, with Seagal cast as a former Navy SEAL whose action in striking an officer (however justified) got him busted; now he's a cook on the USS Missouri, a ship that has been decommissioned and is about to be scrapped.

On her final sail, she's boarded by militants who hope to steal her nuclear warheads for sale to the highest international bidder.

Tommy Lee Jones masterminds the plot in tandem with the ship's first officer, Gary Busey.

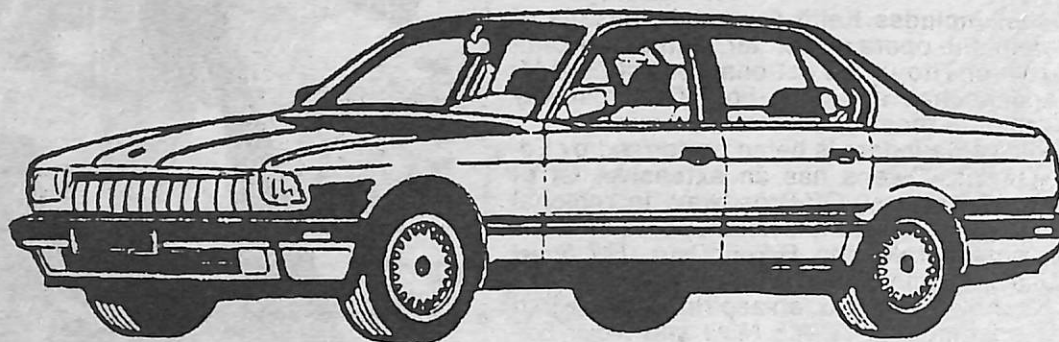
It is a violent film, with less emphasis on martial arts and more on weaponry. As a subplot, one

of the victims on this hostage ship is a centerfold who was supposed to hop out of the captain's birthday cake. Now that the captain's dead and the crew's locked in the hold, she has to hang on to Seagal and learn to get over her dislike of killing.

Of its kind, it's a terrific action film. But yes, it's violent, more so than Seagal's earlier films and, as I said earlier, weaponry (especially knives) plays a major role. What's more, during the course of this film, a microwave oven is turned into a detonator.

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## StageWest Ready To Open 92-93 Season With Comedy

Stage West, Western Massachusetts' resident professional theatre company located in downtown Springfield, will open its 1992-93 Season with *Lend Me a Tenor*, a comedy by Ken Ludwig.

Sponsored by Bank of Boston and New England Telephone, StageWest's production of *Lend Me A Tenor* begins its previews Wednesday, October 21st, opens Friday, October 23rd, and continues through Sunday, November 15th.

*Lend Me A Tenor* has won two Tony, four Drama Desk Awards and three Outer Critics' Circle Awards. The story takes place in Cleveland in the 1930's and is centered around a world-famous tenor, Tito Merelli, known as "Il Stupendo." The fast-paced farce describes what happens when he fails to appear for his gala performance as Otello with the Cleveland Grand Opera.

Playwright Ken Ludwig is perhaps best known for writing the book for *Crazy For You*, which won the Tony Award as Best Musical of the 1991-92 season. His other plays include *Sullivan And Gilbert* and *Divine Fire*.

"We're happy to be starting our season with this very clever farce," said Artistic Director, Eric Hill. "We've got a great cast and everyone here at StageWest is very excited about the show."

The cast includes Keith Curran in the role of Tito Merelli, the opera singer. Mr. Curran performed the role of Tito in the national tour of *Lend Me Tenor* and he has appeared both Off-Broadway and in regional theatres around the country.

The role of Saunders is being performed by Edwin C. Owens. Owens has an extensive list of credits on Broadway, Off-Broadway, in regional theatres and in film and television. Some of those credits include roles on *Falcon Crest*, *Hill Street Blues*, *Lou Grant* and *General Hospital*.

Bob Kirsh will play Max, an aspiring tenor. Kirsh recently appeared in *Twelfth Night* and *Major Barbara* at the Indiana Repertory Theatre and was a resident company member with Arena Stage in Washington for two years.

Suzanne Grodner plays Maria, Tito's wife. Ms. Grodner recently returned from playing Carlotta in Ken Hill's *Phantom Of The Opera*.

Playing Julia, the Chairwoman of the Opera Guild is Mary Sharmat. Ms. Sharmat was recently seen as Vera in a production of *The Odd Couple* starring Sandy Dennis and Kaye Ballard.

Leilani Mickey plays Diana, an ambitious soprano. Ms. Mickey has appeared in numerous productions both regionally and Off-Broadway.

Brad Bellamy, who plays Frank the bellhop, is a veteran of many Off-Broadway and regional productions and was an artist-in-residence at Manhattan's Punch Line Theatre.

Brenda Foley plays Maggie, Max's girlfriend. Ms. Foley was in the original cast of *Big River* and more recently, in the Vienna production of Neil

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Performances of *Lend Me A Tenor*, October 21st through November 15th, are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.; and matinees at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4th, Saturday, November 14th and Sundays, October 25th, November 1st, 8th and 15th.

For more information about StageWest's *Lend Me A Tenor* or to purchase tickets, which range in price from \$10 to \$28 depending on the performance and seat location, contact StageWest's box office at (413) 781-2340 between the hours of noon and 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

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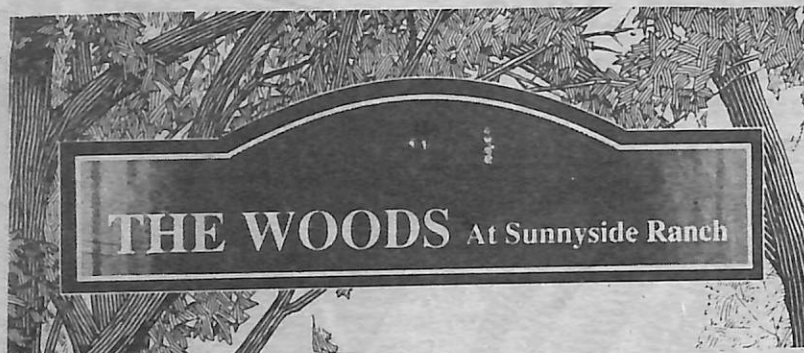


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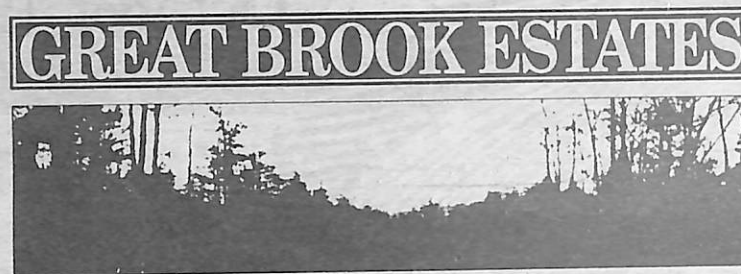
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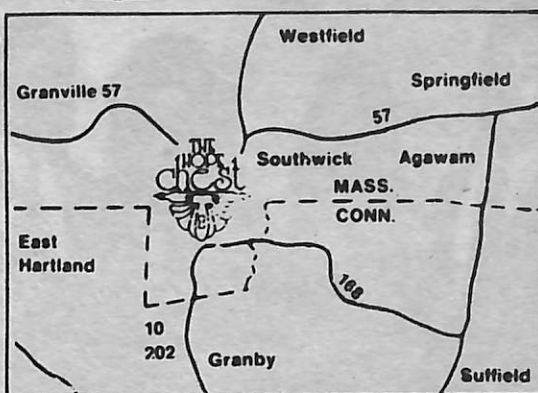


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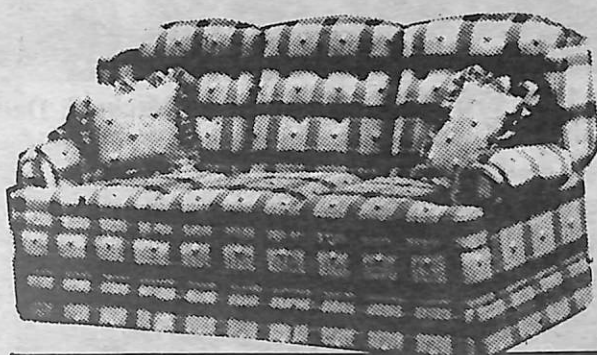
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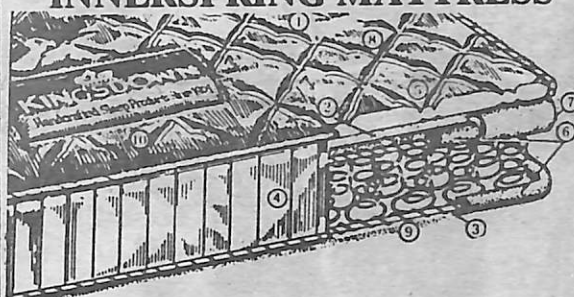
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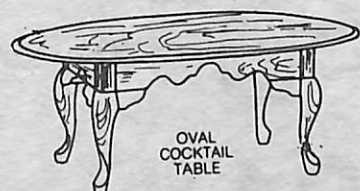


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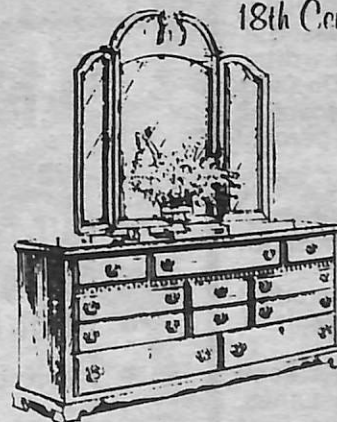


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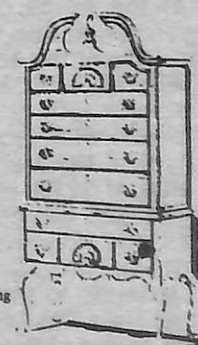
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## Education

### 450 Attend Retirement Party For Jim Bruno



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON congratulates retiring Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr., at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JIM BRUNO AND HIS FAMILY, from left - Michael Daly, son-in-law; Cheryl Daly (daughter), Cheryl (wife), Myssie, Lisa, and James D. Bruno, at the big retirement party at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Renaissance Program Gathering Steam At Agawam High School

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Donations have been coming in steadily for the Renaissance Program at Agawam High School.

AHS teacher and Renaissance co-chairwoman Dorothy Martin said, "The Rotary Club of Agawam is going to subsidize the cost of the card printing and working toward getting student IDs as well."

She added, "Faculty support has been terrific. Contributions of time and expertise have been readily donated by staff in support of this program."

"Things are progressing quite well, due to the spirit of the staff. I would like to thank (teacher) Sandy O'Keefe and Kristin Dow for their hard work, along with the committee, and Everett Talmadge for his banners and enthusiasm."

Agawam Attorney Rene Thomas, husband of faculty member Irene Thomas, graciously printed enough information sheets for the entire student body at AHS to get the word out to students about the Renaissance Program.

Businesses which have been added to the list of contributors now include a 10 percent discount to Renaissance card members at:

Peterjon's Gourmet Ice Cream; Tyffani's Restaurant (formerly Ann Field's of Springfield); Alvin's; Guile's West Side Auto Body in West Springfield (for body shop labor and a free written estimate); Hwang School of Tae Kwon-Do (supplies and equipment); Agawam Animal Hospital; and Axler's Bike Shop (new bikes and 15 percent off parts).

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Agawam School of Self Defense is offering members a 20 percent discount, and Springfield Institution for Savings donated \$300.

Mrs. Martin said, "There's a fervor, an enthusiasm—something to look forward to in the halls of Agawam High these days."



RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS James V. Bruno, Jr., greets three of his nieces at his retirement party at Chez Josef. From left - Ann Liddell, Tina O'Keefe, and Nancy Bulmer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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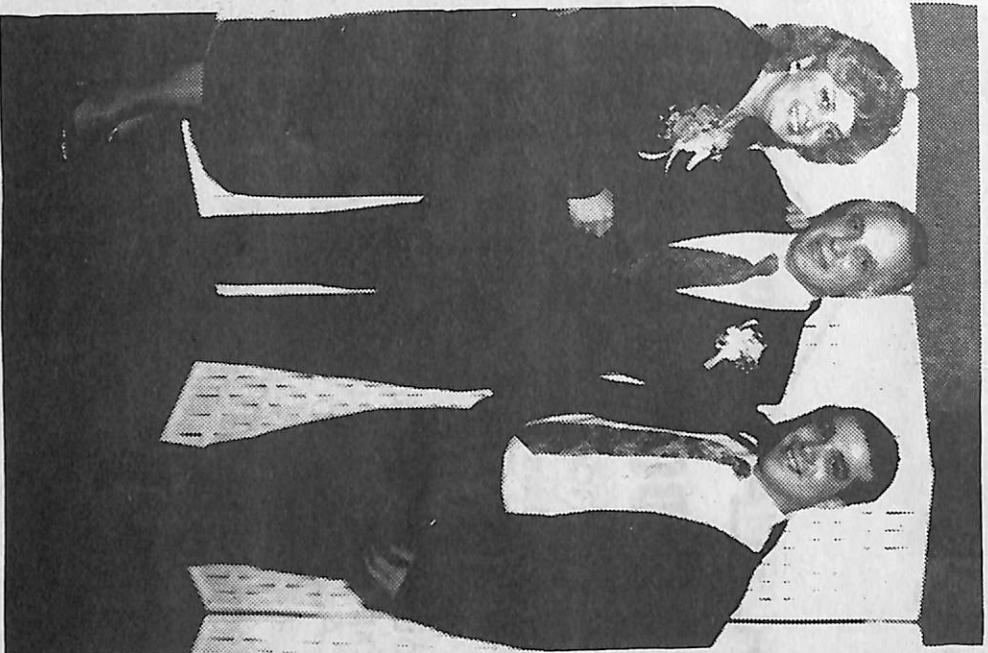
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## 450 Attend Retirement Party For Jim Bruno



DIAN CURRAN (right), executive secretary to the superintendent of schools, and Renee Jury, administrative assistant, present gifts to retiring Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr., at his retirement party at Chez Josef. IN PHOTO BELOW, Bruno and his wife, Cheryl, welcome his godson, Dr. Thomas Mezzetti. Dr. Mezzetti later addressed the gathering to praise his godfather. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS James V. Bruno, Jr., is pictured with members of the committee who planned the event. From left - Paul Cavallo, Rosemary Stratton, Donald Charest, Dian Curran, William Sapelli, Renee Jury, Timothy Murphy and Susan Murphy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High School Band To Host Annual Massachusetts Marching Band Festival

The Agawam High School Band, Agawam band parents, and the Massachusetts Instrumental Conductors Association (MICA) will present a "Marching Band Festival" on Sunday, October 18th, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

This festival, which is now in its fourth year at Agawam High School, features the talents of many area marching bands as they present their shows to an appreciative audience as well as a panel of distinguished MICA judges. The show is part of a series of Marching Band Festivals which take place across the state, culminating in a State

Finals Festival on October 25th in Framingham. In addition to the performance of the Agawam High School "Marching Mohawks," several other bands are also scheduled to appear, including bands from West Springfield High School, Turners Falls High School, David Prouty High School from Spencer, Millbury High School, Brattleboro (VT) High School, and Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

The show will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m., and there is a small admission charge of \$3 for adults, and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

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## AHS Students Named Merit Scholars By National Program

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School Principal John Morrissey announced that seniors Matthew Toczko and Angela Baggetta have been named Commended Students in the 1993 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Both Angela and Matthew were presented with a Letter of Commendation by Morrissey from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program.

Commended students across the nation have shown exceptional academic promise by placing among the top five percent of more than one-million entrants, although they are not eligible to continue in the 1993 competition for Merit Scholarships.

Angela is the daughter of AHS teachers Albert and Beverly Baggetta of Adams Street in Agawam, and Matthew is the son of A. Glenn and Phyllis Toczko of Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills.

AHS is proud to have two of the 35,000 Commended Students throughout the United States being honored for their outstanding performance on the 1991 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. These tests are the route of entry to the 1993 Merit Program by NMSC.

### NMSC Offers \$2,000 Scholarships

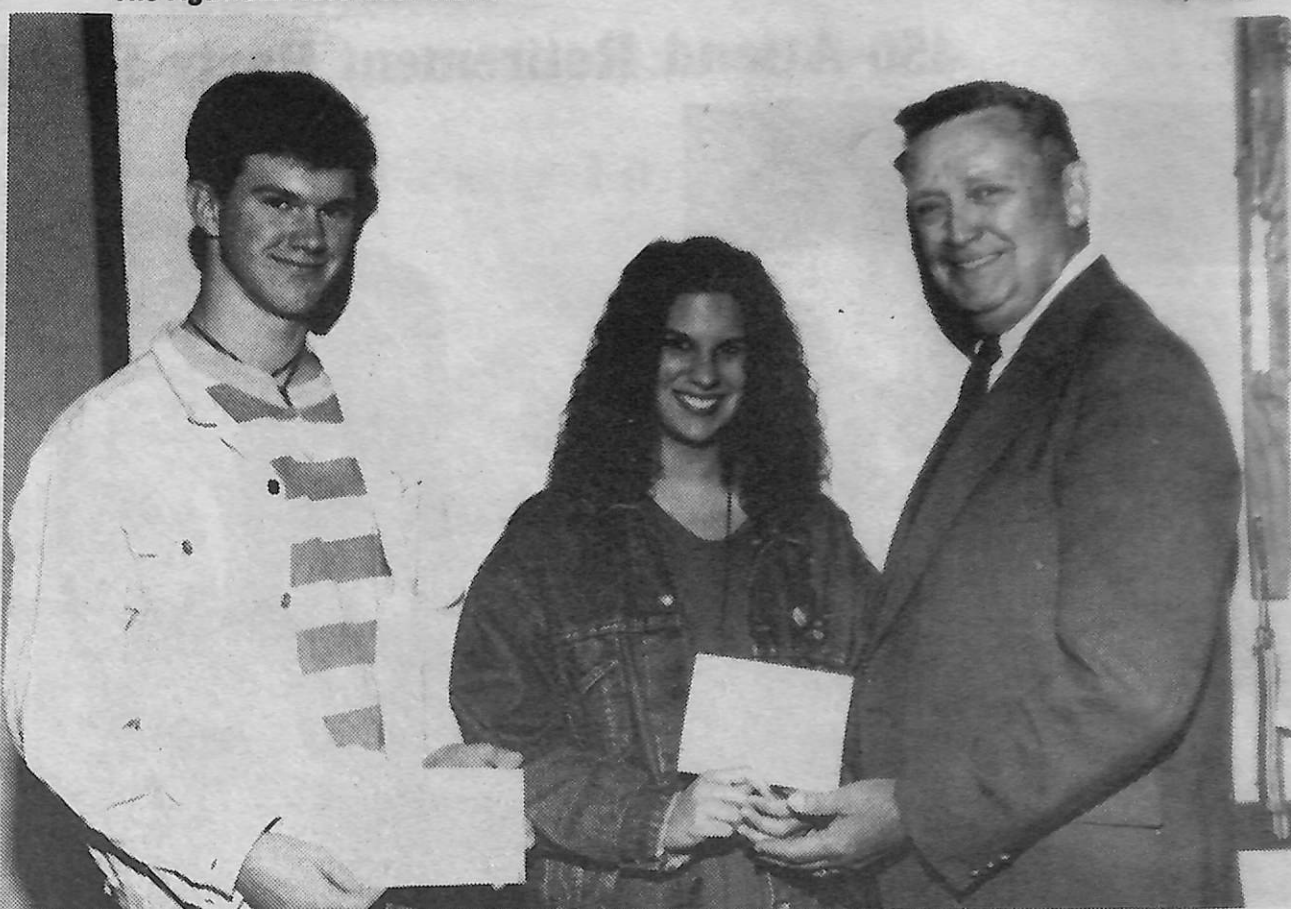
Over 600 sponsor organizations, as well as the NMSC's own funds, will support three types of Merit Scholarships awarded in 1993. Finalists will have an opportunity to compete for 1,800 National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships which are awarded on a state representational basis.

Some 1,300 Merit Scholarships will be underwritten by corporations, foundations, and other business organizations for finalists who meet a sponsor's preferential criteria, and more than 2,900 Merit Scholarships will be financed by colleges and universities.

NMSC is a not-for-profit organization whose scholarship activities are privately funded by independent program sponsors.

An NMSC representative stated, "The high performance of Commended Students in the extremely competitive Merit Program and the school's important contribution to the development of these scholastically talented youth deserve public recognition. We hope the honor these students have earned will encourage them to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education and will serve as an example for other aspiring young men and women."

"Our nation will benefit from the fullest development of this intellectual resource."



AGAWAM HIGH PRINCIPAL John Morrissey presents National Merit Scholarship Commended Student Awards to seniors Matthew Toczko and Angela Baggetta. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Middle School Band Selected To Perform

The Agawam Middle School grade six band has been selected to perform at the Eastern Division Conference of the Music Educators National Conference. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield, MA, on March 19th, 1993.

The 65-member band was selected from hundreds of tape auditions which were submitted for consideration by band directors in 12 eastern states.

The grade six band, under the direction of Agawam Middle School Band Director Ken Longstreeth, recently received a Gold Medal for its participation in the Massachusetts Instrumental Conductors Association's Concert and a superior rating for its performance in the Musical Carousel Festival/Concert.

Their 40-minute performance at the conference will include arrangements of *The William Tell Overture* by Rossini, *El Capitan* by John Philip Sousa, and *Yankee Doodle Dandy* by George M. Cohan.

## Wendy Ziemba Named To "Who's Who"

Wendy Ziemba, daughter of Steve and Jean Ziemba of Rosie Lane, Agawam, who is an honor student at Northeastern University, has been awarded a "Presidential Scholarship" from the honors program.

Wendy also received an "Albert Shea Scholarship." She recently was accepted to "The Academy of the College of Art and Sciences" honors program in recognition of her outstanding academic achievements.

Wendy is currently on co-op with the United States Department of Labor—Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. In January, she will resume her studies as a junior in Northeastern's five-year program.

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# AHS Senior Kristin Gallerani Enjoys Memorable Summer Adventure In Paraguay

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School senior Kristin Gallerani visited Paraguay this summer for 8½ weeks on an American Intercultural Program exchange.

Although Paraguay was not her first choice, Kristin said she applied to AFS to study language in South America after having taken three years of Spanish at AHS.

Kristin's first host family (the Hermosillas) consisted of a single mother and four children living in "a fairly poor house with no closing doors and chickens running through the house."

They were so poor they could not pay their phone bill, so it was a while before Kristin contacted her parents, Dave and Terry Gallerani, back in Agawam. She said, "The phone bill was only \$5, but they couldn't afford to pay it, so I went into town and paid it for them to get the service reconnected. My mother was very upset that she didn't hear from me right away."

She remembered, "The first day I lived with the Hermosilla family, I awoke to screaming."

"I was supposed to share a bedroom with four people that consisted of just the four beds with no bureaus or dressers, but I fell asleep on the couch. When I woke up, my (host) mother was shooing out a cow that was lying next to me!"

The home where she stayed did not have any plumbing, nor did it have a bathroom or kitchen. "To take a shower I had to go to the center of town and pump a well. It's amazing the things you can learn to live without," she added.

"They were very poor, but my mother had a heart of gold," Kristin stated. However, about 3½ weeks into her stay, Kristin was moved to a second host family.

She noted, "There was an American Peace Corps girl living with me that didn't speak Spanish, and I was translating for her. They said it wasn't helping either of our Spanish, so I was moved to my second family (the Perezs) and they were very wealthy."

"My mother (Mrs. Perez) was very well-known. I had two older brothers and sisters, and the family was very strict."

"I wasn't allowed to visit my first host family because they were poor. There is a big division between rich and poor and also between Catholics and Protestants in Paraguay," said Kristin.

## School Six Days A Week

She attended a public high school, six days a week, for nine hours a day as a senior. You may wonder why she attended school during the summer until you are reminded that it was winter in July and August while Kristin was in Paraguay.

"I walked seven miles each day to school, dressed in a uniform, while the temperature was still quite hot, despite the winter season. At night, it went down to about 30 degrees," Kristin stated.

"School began at 1:00 p.m. and ended around

9:00 p.m., so we ate dinner around 11:00 p.m. or 12:00 midnight. We ate four meals a day with the biggest meal before we went to school," Kristin said.

She noted, "There were only six classrooms at the school, with one room for each grade. The teachers changed rooms, not the students. Each room was like a separate little building, so teachers had to go outside to get to their next class."

Students up through grade six went to the same



KRISTIN GALLERANI

public school from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a half-day session. When they began seventh grade, they went to school the same hours as Kristin, through their senior year.

Kristin noted that her subjects consisted of Spanish, math, social studies, and English, saying, "All the same classes we would take here. Math was the same, although it was taught a little differently to learn algebra. In social studies, we

were taught Paraguay's and American history.

"I have never seen more people interested in America. I'm almost embarrassed to say, but I think they knew more about our history than I did. They also were so grateful that a 16-year old from America wanted to study about their history in Paraguay," she added.

Kristin also had to take the subject of Guarani (in school), which was an Indian language used in Paraguay. "I was able to learn a little of the Indian language," she said. Spanish and Portuguese are the main languages spoken in Paraguay.

## Only Boys Allowed To Play Soccer

Only boys were allowed to participate in soccer and the girls, instead, played handball. Kristin noted, "We all left school together with the teachers to watch the soccer and handball games played in the center of town."

Kristin enjoyed the friendliness and acceptance offered her in Paraguay. She noted, "You did not have to be afraid to talk with strangers on the streets. There was no drinking age and everything is legal because the person that gets drunk is looked down on and alcohol is not abused."

"Beer or wine is about all we could drink at our meals. I did drink the water because I don't like the taste of beer or wine. I figured I had all my shots before I went to take care of any major diseases," said Kristin.

Many evenings were spent enjoying the company of young and old at "outside parties" in the center of town. Kristin remarked, "About 250 people would attend a party ranging in age from 12 to about 45 years old. There was a DJ, beer and soda, and everyone dances with everyone. They all accepted me and I really enjoyed myself."

Kristin also had the unique opportunity to meet a future family member while in Paraguay, Patricia Quevedo. Patricia, 17, would be arriving in Agawam on August 15th to begin a year as an AFS student at AHS, three days before Kristin's return home. And Patricia would be greeting Kristin at Bradley Airport with her new host parents, Dave & Terry Gallerani.

"It was great knowing that I would meet Patty while I was in Paraguay and then we would be together in my home in Agawam for our senior years at Agawam High," said Kristin.

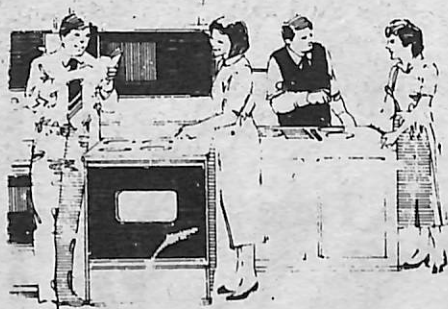
Although Patty's hometown of Concepcion was some eight hours away from Kristin's town, the two AFS sisters managed to meet at Patty's house and exchanged phone calls and letters.

Kristin is hoping to return to Paraguay this July after graduating from AHS. Patty returns home in early July. Kristin plans to attend college in the USA next fall to begin studies that will eventually lead to a career as a pharmacist.

Kristin is also interested in international relations.

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*Educator Of The Month...***Clark's Laura Lewis Comes Full Circle**by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Clark Elementary School's second grade teacher Laura Lewis has come full circle in her teaching career. She began teaching second graders fresh out of college and is, once again, teaching youngsters at that level.

Mrs. Lewis said, "I have been teaching in Agawam since my college graduation in 1970. I began teaching that year at Phelps School."

She received her bachelor's degree from Westfield State College that spring and began teaching second graders in the fall. She added, "I went back to college at Westfield State to get my master's degree in Special Education. Then I began teaching Special Education classes at both Robinson Park and Phelps Elementary Schools."

Mrs. Lewis taught Special Education for eight years when Chapter 766 "first came on board." She explained that at that time, her classes were considered "substantially separate classes," which were self-contained classrooms of children with special needs.

During this teaching span, Mrs. Lewis took three leaves in order to have her own three children. She said, "I have two girls, Jaime and Kristy, and a son, David. When I returned from my leave for David, I came back to Clark School to teach Chapter I for about three years."

"When an opening came up in second grade at Clark, I went back to teaching second grade and have been ever since."

free to do their own illustrations for each poem as well, and the folder is taken home at the end of the month," said Mrs. Lewis.

October's poems are about leaves, ghosts, jack-o-lanterns, and "things they really get excited about. The poems are like a visual sound bite," she noted.

A note to parents accompanies the poetry folder home. It explains that the poems have been read and discussed in class. Mrs. Lewis writes, "I have found that children truly enjoy reading poems. Perhaps this is due to the unique rhymes and short reading units or to the ease in which some are memorized. It appears to be an excellent tool in expanding vocabulary and developing fluency."

If the students read the poems to parents and the parent returns a signed portion of the note, students will then receive a "poetry reading award" in the form of a bookmark.

Mrs. Lewis added, "I like to also tie things into current events. Last year, we had a poem entitled 'The Astronaut' while the cosmonaut was circling the earth over and over."

The children also participate in a special classroom activity called "News Hounds." Each student can bring in pictures or articles from the newspaper each day and it is put up on a posted board.

"There is a special day of the week for each row of seats so that the children can have an opportunity to get up and explain the article or picture after having discussed it with parents at home. Parents have complimented that this helps their children realize that the newspaper contains information about sports, the weather, and current events," said Mrs. Lewis.

She also enjoys having a computer in her classroom. "I really feel that children, even at the first or second grade level, can do simple programs and become aware of how the computer really works."

She said that presently, her students utilize the computer as a learning tool, not for games. She added, "I would love to see the children get more involved in the programming of computers. It gives you a great sense of accomplishment."

Mrs. Lewis recently went back to school herself to take some computer courses on how to program a computer.

Mrs. Lewis resides in Westfield with her husband, David, who works for the federal government at Hamilton Standard, and her three children. She said, "David is originally from Martha's Vineyard, but we met in Westfield and have been living there through our marriage of 18 years."



LAURA LEWIS

Mrs. Lewis' second graders begin their year in September with a lesson on "developing a caring community." She said, "I put ideas up on the bulletin board about friendliness and politeness. My class rule is 'Keep each other safe and make each other feel good.' I believe if the children learn these things right off the bat, it makes the whole year run smooth."

Since second grade is an important year of reading, Mrs. Lewis also uses some special teaching tools to reinforce reading and help expand vocabulary.

"I have found poetry for reading. Each month there is a different theme to our poetry, and the children make up a folder that contains all the poems of that month. The children are usually

**Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu**

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**Tuesday, October 20th:** Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, steamed rice, diced carrots, pineapple tidbits or spice cake with icing, milk.

**Wednesday, October 21st:** Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato puffs, catsup, fruit cup or lemon pudding with topping, milk.

**Thursday, October 22nd:** Steam-ed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, seasoned mixed vegetables, cinnamon apple spice with topping, milk.

**Friday, October 23rd:** Chicken soup, oven baked chicken nuggets with honey, peas & carrots, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, pineapple tidbits, milk.

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## Agawam Illustrator Recreates Serenity For Southwick Kids

by Cheryl Bruno  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Southwick: "Tulips" is a story set in peaceful, beautiful, pre-war Paris, France. It tells of Grand Ma Mere, a stately and stern woman who loved two things; her tulip garden (the loveliest in all of Paris), and her spirited grandson, Pierre.

While reading "Tulips" and looking at the beautiful illustrations of flowers, elegant tea parties, fountains, old fashioned automobiles, and a cat harrassed by Regis, the bulldog, one feels an actual part of the story.

You can almost smell the lovely flowers and the tea steeping in the china teapot, and hear the screech of the cat and Regis' deep, gruff bark.

Becoming a part of the story was made possible through Tulips' illustrator, Debrah Santini. She visited Powder Mill Middle School recently, and took a great deal of time with her presentation on book illustrations for the middle school's fifth grade classes.

### Presents Slide Show

Ms. Santini presented a slide show and explained to the students the process an illustrator goes through when working on a book. She showed the kids a story board and thumb nail sketches (almost like stick people), and explained the brainstorming process which begins it all. Eventually, large sketches are drawn and later, color is added.

"Brainstorming for illustrating a book," Santini told the fifth graders, "is a process much like you do in class or when doing creative writing. Illustrations," she added, "give a reason to turn the pages in a children's book."

The manuscript for "Tulips" came to Debrah Santini and was not set in any particular time period, but the characters were French. Ms. Santini decided that "Tulips" could be set in old-fashioned times (early 1900's) because she personally loves the look of old cars, old fashions, and ornate architecture and design.

Initially, she researched World War II in France, and set her illustrations in the peaceful, pre-war France at the height of its fashion, art and culture.

### Illustrations Take On Personal Touch

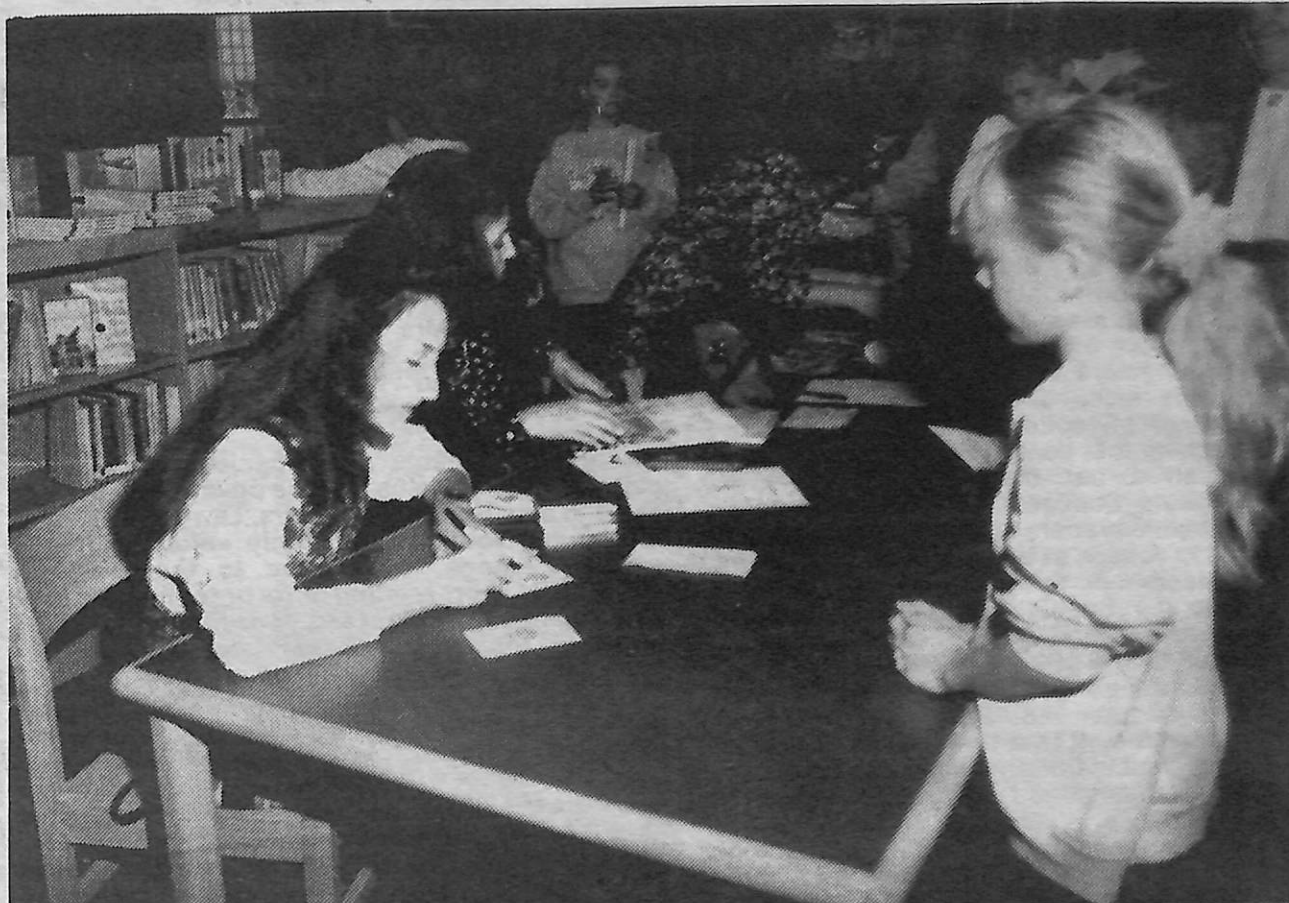
Debrah Santini told the fifth graders that the books she illustrates "are sort of my diary. I add personal things and personal jokes to my illustrations." She told them that Pierre, the grandson, was modeled after her own father from many of his grade school photographs. Through her illustrations, Debrah comes to really know her characters.

"Grand Ma Mere," she said, "is a stern character, but also has a very soft side." She modeled Grand Ma Mere after her own grandmother, who is only 4' 11" tall.

"However," she said, "I pictured Grand Ma Mere much taller and sterner than my own grandmother, so I photographed my grandmother standing on a chair looking down on me. Much the way Grand Ma Mere looks down on the characters in the storybook.

"The illustrations for a book should spark a child's imagination, leaving as much room for storytelling as the original manuscript leaves for the illustrator. My artwork has always been narrative," said Debrah Santini.

Santini became interested in illustrating children's books while a student at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She now lives and works in western Massachusetts with Picture Book Studio, and "Tulips" is her third book. Her



ILLUSTRATOR DEBRAH SANTINI of Feeding Hills was a visiting artist recently at Powder Mill Middle School in Southwick. In addition to delighting students with an entertaining talk, she autographed book plates for each of the students. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

first book, "The Baby Who Would Not Come Down," was extremely successful.

### Working On Two More Books

Debrah Santini is currently working on two more books; one a special version of "Cinderella." Six classes of Powder Mill fifth graders learned from and enjoyed Ms. Santini's presentation. She

also autographed book plates for each student, and they were able to purchase "Tulips" at the school library.

The teachers, students and librarian, Jane DeBarbieri applauded and commended Debrah Santini on an extraordinary presentation.

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## Helpful Tips For A Safer Halloween For Your Children

Children wait for this day all year long. They spend weeks deciding on just the right costumes and dreaming of bags of goodies. While Halloween is a cherished tradition for the nation's youth, the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful.

Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe. The Safety Council of Western Massachusetts urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween and offers the following driving tips:

- Slow down in residential neighborhoods and obey all traffic signs and signals.

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs. If youngsters are wearing dark costumes, they'll be difficult to see at night.

- Be prepared for children to dart out into the street at any time, especially from between parked cars.

- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

- Make sure your headlights are clean and working so you can see and be seen.

- If you are driving children on their "trick or treat" rounds, be sure they exit on the curb side, away from traffic. (And, of course, make sure everyone's safety belt is fastened).

- If you are on the way to a costume party, do not wear your mask while driving and avoid costumes that make it difficult to move your arms and legs.

- When designing costumes, parents should keep safety in mind to ensure that the children have a fun-filled and safe Halloween.

The Council makes these suggestions about costumes:

- Costumes should be loose enough so that warm clothes can be worn underneath and to allow freedom of movement.

- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of accidents on Halloween).

- Outfits should be made with light-colored, fire retardant fabric. Use strips of retroreflective tape to make children even more visible.

- Consider using makeup instead of a mask so that a child's vision will not be blocked.

- For youngsters under the age of 12, attach their name, address and telephone number (in-



THE SECOND GRADE CLASS of Laura Lewis at James Clark Elementary School enthusiastically enjoyed a Pizza Party as their award for being the "Top Selling Class" of the school's fall fundraiser. The second graders had a great time at the well-deserved party. From left - Kevin Borgatti, Jessica Hudson, Bruce LeClair, Matthew Lawlor, and Danielle Cirillo.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

cluding their area code) to their clothes, but not in an easily visible place.

Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should make sure that:

- An adult or older sister or brother will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.

- Children travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.

- Children know to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lighted and

never to enter a stranger's home.

- Each child has change for a phone call in case they have a problem while away from home.

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## Some Agawam High School Parents Still Express Concerns Over Shooting Incident

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School parents are questioning why the School Committee has not discussed the shooting which occurred Wednesday, September 23rd on the Junior High grounds and which allegedly involved a senior at AHS firing a gun.

During the board's meeting on September 29th, no discussion of the shooting incident ensued. There was, however, a large attendance of citizens discussing the fee for the Early Childhood Program.

On Tuesday, October 6th, the School Committee did hold an executive session which was posted as "regarding pupil discipline." Mayor Christopher Johnson, as chairman, told us, "The board is bound by the rules of executive session not to discuss with the media the issues raised during this meeting."

"It is the same if charges are brought against a teacher and it is discussed in executive session. We cannot release any names," he said.

The board's policy for student conduct states: *"The students in the Agawam School System are expected to conduct themselves in such a way that the rights and privileges of others are not violated. They shall be required to respect constituted authority, to conform to school rules and regulations, and to the provisions of law which apply to the conduct of minors."*

Further, policy states, *"Any of the following actions shall subject a student to notification of parents, suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary measures:*

*Intentionally causing or attempting to cause damage to school property; Intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person; and Knowingly possessing or transmitting any firearm, knife, explosive, or*

*other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student at school."*

The rules outlined under "student conduct" do not limit the board to deal with a student's actions (only if they occurred during regular school hours), nor do they distinguish school grounds from the school building or facility.

For instance, if a student were in possession of drugs and witnesses saw that student selling drugs on school ground, it would be reasonable to believe that the School Committee would take appropriate action to exclude that student from the facility for the safety of staff and other students, since this is a clear violation of the law.

AHS senior Donald Quick allegedly fired a 25-caliber, semi-automatic handgun, wounding a fellow basketball player, Christopher Lorge, while several other AHS students stood nearby. The bullet ricocheted off the basketball court and hit Lorge in the upper leg.

Agawam Police Lieutenant Robert Campbell said Quick was charged with "assault and battery with a dangerous weapon" and "carrying a firearm without a license." He added that a determination would be made by the judicial system as to whether or not the penalties for those charges would be enforced.

Superintendent-Elect Benard Ryder has said that the administration and the board will take whatever steps are necessary to secure the safety of the staff and students.

It has been confirmed by the school administration that Donald Quick has not returned to school. Mrs. Quick could not be reached for comment, and School Committee members would not explain his absence.

## Book Award Winner



AHS GUIDANCE COUNSELOR Paul C. Cavallo presents Jessica Liptak with the "Smith College Book Award," which is given to a student who excels in literature and journalism. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Family For Visiting Teacher Still Sought By Agawam AFS For Six-Month Stay

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is again planning on sponsoring an exchange teacher at Agawam High School as a member of the foreign language department in January 1993.

Do you think your family might be interested in hosting the Agawam AFS visiting teacher this year?

Agawam AFS sponsored Ana Atienza from Argentina as its first-ever exchange teacher at Agawam High School from last January to late June as part of the AFS International Visiting Teacher Program.

Ana was a team teacher with members of the AHS foreign language department and was under the supervision of Mary Ellen Bruce Hanrahan, the Agawam AFS faculty advisor at the school.

Ana's native language (Spanish) became invaluable in assisting Mrs. Bruce Hanrahan in the team-teaching of the Spanish language to AHS students. The Agawam School Department bore no cost whatsoever for participating in this AFS Visiting Teacher Program.

Anyone who came in contact with Ana was drawn to her warm and charming personality. Mrs. Bruce Hanrahan said Ana was a great asset to the foreign language teaching staff at AHS and feels that sponsoring another visiting teacher would again greatly benefit the school and the community.

Agawam AFS is currently seeking a host family for a female visiting teacher, who again will hail from a South American country.

Last January, Richard & Marion Brindle of Barney Street, Agawam, hosted Ana and she immediately became a member of the Brindle family. The experience for the Brindles and Ana during Ana's six-month stay can only be described as heartwarming. Both Ana and the Brindles share memories that will last a lifetime.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about hosting the Agawam AFS visiting teacher, contact Mary Ellen Bruce Hanrahan at Agawam High School, 786-0400, extension 421 (weekdays), or Ric Sardella at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (evenings).

## Open Gym Earlier At Agawam High School

The open gym for high school students and adults who are town residents will be held on Monday and Thursday nights at the Agawam High School (beginning on October 19th) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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# Sports

AHS Sports...

## Field Hockey Hits Back At Lancers In 2-1 Thriller

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There has seldom been drama at Harmon Smith Field this season like there was this past Tuesday night.

The Agawam High field hockey team outlasted a furious second half comeback by Longmeadow High to eke out a 2-1 victory in front of a sparse gathering of hearty fans.

The win boosted the Brownies to 7-3-1 as the playoffs are now a distinct possibility for AHS for the second consecutive season.

The Brownies also avenged a September loss to Longmeadow (3-1, under the lights across the river).

After a slow start to the season, the locals are gathering steam.

### Brownies Assume The Lead

The first half moved along briskly with the Brownies taking an early lead. Karen Bottasso put a crossing pass from left to right onto the stick of Rose Pignatari and the junior rifled it past the Lancers' goalie at 27:06 for the first score.

Longmeadow had a rare opportunity to score here and there during the rest of the first half. AHS answered the challenge with a few quality rushes of its own, but neither team could light the lamp again until Bottasso fished one out of a scramble at 2:43 after a long hit to put the Brownies up, 2-0.

It proved to be the game winner.

The locals went into the intermission obviously good about themselves and what the scoreboard reported.

But the Lancers came out in the second half intent on sweeping the season series and put loads of pressure on AHS.

Junior Kerri Thompson had pitched a shutout in the AHS goal in the first half. Gina Serra positioned herself between the pipes as the second half got underway. Second shift, you might say.

And Serra had no idea how busy she might be when she got there.

Longmeadow stopped by to visit Serra for a few chats and several long conversations. The visitors repeatedly peppered the Agawam goalie and defense for the first 15 minutes of the second half. Serra stood in there strong and tough to play an outstanding game.

Lynn Moreau played well in the first half on defense for AHS and made several excellent clearing plays during the Lancer second half blitz. Brownie backliners like Laura Bielitz and Beth McNamee were able to get a stick on a ball here and there to alleviate some of the pressure.

### Lancers Kept Coming

But Longmeadow just kept coming.

It was amazing that Longmeadow didn't score as Serra's saves started to reach double figures.

Finally, Krista Bergeron took an excellent feed on a corner play and hammered home a low drive inside the left post to cut the lead in half at the 14:58 mark.

The goal fueled the Longmeadow pressure as the AHS kids tried valiantly to protect the lead.

Ultimately, it would be Ann Maklary, Jen Goodfellow, and Beth Schroeder who would take the ball up the field with about 10 minutes to play. The Brownies informed the Longmeadow keeper that they were indeed still a factor, much like the first half.

Maklary moved quickly to the right corner and put a pass right on the stick of Kris Scirpo. The freshman nearly put the lead back to two goals. But the ball bounced off a stick and went off target.

Maklary and Scirpo got heavily involved in a scramble right in front a few minutes later. And by this time, the clock started to get down to where it was really advantageous to AHS.

Beth McNamee cleared a few balls up the field in the waning minutes and Schroeder would take the final Longmeadow pressure off Serra by working beautifully along the left sideline.

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## Freshman Boys' Soccer Team Continues To Roll Along

A new school year, a new freshmen class, and a new coach have given Agawam High School a very exciting boys' soccer team to watch.

Coach Al O'Quinn has laid down a challenge to this graduating class of 1996 to win the Western Mass Soccer Tournament in their senior year. That figures to be 10 years since Agawam's last tournament victory. Of course, along the way while supporting their upperclassmen, an extra title would be nice.

Understanding the long-range goal and the need to be the feeder system for both the junior varsity and varsity squads, this group has buckled down to learn the game of soccer. Coach O'Quinn feels the strongest asset the team possesses is their combined desire and willingness to be taught and to take instruction and direction.

Combining both speed and good personal technical skills, this group of freshmen will be a force to be reckoned with while they hone their skills waiting for the chance to play on the "big" field together. Giving the players instructions on basic technical skills will always be a part of practice, but the larger portion of time will be devoted to team tactics that will open up the offense to reach its full potential.

A covering defense and a slicing, cutting, swarming offense has been the style of this team. The challenge that this Agawam freshmen team is putting to the opposition will be the need to score because they have every intention to put many balls in the back of the net every game.

A good balance of defense and offense is necessary, but by definition defense reacts and offense acts. This team works (acts) for that all-important opportunity to shoot and follow—a strong offense is their defense!

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In their first scrimmage against the Enrico Ferri junior varsity squad from Enfield, CT, Agawam

played three games at 30 minutes each. Victorious by the margins of 1-0, 1-0, and 2-0, the team had a great deal of confidence going into the regular season.

With wins over Amherst (3-2), Central (3-0), East Longmeadow (4-0), Minnechaug (3-1), and a two-game sweep of Cathedral (1-0 and 2-1), the team's confidence has been transferred to the field and the reality is in the record books.

This year's squad does not have any starters or subs, so it has been a team effort with a lot of role playing and adjustments to hide a weakness and to take advantage of opportunities while exploiting the other team's ineptitude. Coach O'Quinn and the team understand it's the little things like taller people and jumpers in the front line on corner kicks that make a difference.

The slashing styles and pinpoint accurate passing of front line personnel Keith Daubmann, Pete Christopher, Matt Radwanski, and Chris Chechile have surely made the shots on goal abundant. With the support of midfield wings Eric Johnson, Jamie Pliska, and Jim Baldyga and some long-range shooting, the ball has always been moving toward the goal.

Team captains Jeff Rousseau and Mike Domingue, playing midfield playmaker and stopper, will have the responsibilities to keep the offense on track by reading the defenses and taking advantage of mismarkings and open spaces. Defenders Nelson Abdala, Tim Conklin, Jason Patrick, Dave McCarthy, and Jamie Scherban will be under pressure at times with the wide-open offense, but they have shown the ability to handle it with both speed and poise on their side.

The keeper duties will be shared by Jeff Gaylor and Mike Vinesett. Injuries and lopsided scores will surely give these two players ample time in the field to keep them well-rounded players.

## Southwick Lions Club Again Holding Sunday Turkey Shoots At American Legion

Southwick: The Southwick Lions Club will be holding turkey shoots at the American Legion Post No. 338 grounds.

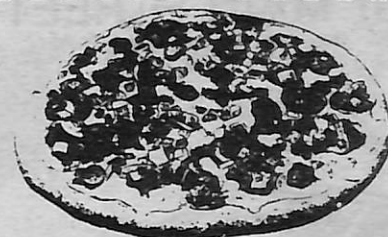
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## A Great Effort, But AHS Girls' Soccer Bow To CHS Again

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High got a chance for revenge against Cathedral High last Wednesday afternoon in Springfield, but the Panthers resisted the challenge and held off the hard charging Brownies 4-3 in a nip and tuck schoolgirl soccer battle.

Agawam got laced 7-2 by Cathedral at Harmon Smith Field earlier this season when it fell behind early and never got back into it. In Wednesday's game, things were decidedly different.

Kim Trudel, Agawam's senior goalkeeper, blasted a punt that one hopped the Cathedral backline defense and junior Nicole DeCosmo was "Johnny on the Spot" as the Brownies sprinted in on Cathedral goalie Beth Morin. With Stephanie Mason screening, DeCosmo saw an opening and put Agawam on top 1-0 in the very early going.

Less than a minute later, Kelli Hurley dribbled through and around the Brownie defense and got one by Trudel to tie the score. Cathedral picked up the offensive intensity from that point forward and they capitalized on a Caren Johnston low line drive (indirect kick) out of the left corner. Hurley redirected it just inside the near post to put Cathedral ahead 2-1.

Mason and sophomore Dina DeMarco both had big rushes midway in the half as Agawam sought the equalizer. But the Cathedral backliners did an excellent job of riding them off the balls.

Cathedral was winning a lot of the midfield play and tilting the field to its advantage, yet Agawam was getting more pressure upfield with fewer opportunities. The half ended with the Brownies trailing 2-1.

In the second half, Mason made a super early charge and was absolutely stoned by Morin, who came out to greet her and basically took it right off Stephanie's foot. DeCosmo grabbed the rebound of that shot, but an alert fullback made the play in the crease on the follow up shot.

### Naciewicz Shines In Defense

Alison Reseigne and Kristin Schmaelzle were playing tough on defense for Agawam, along with quality work by Erica Schlafer. But the Brownie defensive star of the game was Shauna Naciewicz, who may well have had her best day as a soccer player. The sophomore fullback blazed up and down her slot all afternoon and constantly made the big steal or breakup that was necessary.

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## Poor Play Of Special Teams Puts AHS Gridders In Hole Vs. Bombers

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Poor special teams play in the early going put the Agawam High Brownies in a big hole in their home opener last Friday night. And Westfield High's Bombers took full advantage en route to a 25-13 victory at Harmon Smith Field in Agawam.

Winless Agawam was dealt its fourth loss of the season in the process and they'll look to get off the mat when they entertain Central High on Friday night (7:00 p.m.) at Harmon Smith Field.

Agawam sent its defense on the field first on Friday and it did the job by getting Westfield to go three plays out to set up a punt by Bomber Jason O'Connor. The sophomore crushed a high driving kick that snuck over the goal line and was measured at 56 yards from the line of scrimmage!

Agawam took it at the 20 and made positive yardage with Todd Chamberlain and Jason Votzak's picking up seven yards on the first two plays from scrimmage. But a third down carry by Votzak's was stacked up and the Brownies had to give it back.

Chamberlain went back in punt formation and waited to try and duplicate O'Connor's booming blast. He never got the chance. The long snap came back on one low, slippery hop and scooted past him inside the five yard line.

Alertly, Chamberlain picked it up and carved himself a little alley with which to get the ball out of there. The ball went out of bounds on the Agawam 15 and the Westfield offensive unit came out smelling blood.

Gary Bevilacqua motored to the 10 on first down and Jeff Guay sprinted up the middle to paydirt on second down. Jason Skypeck tacked on the point after touchdown for the 7-0 lead with 5:50 still to play in the first.

Tommy Briggs nearly broke the kickoff for a long gainer as he went behind the center wall to the Agawam 45. But Agawam couldn't get any offense going. Chamberlain punted again and this time the snap was true and the kick was away. Tony Bivins found his motorcade on the left side of the field and he sprinted his way down to the Agawam 23 before the Brownies could drag him down.

Westfield made it a one play drive when Mike Wing grabbed a Dan Chisholm pass on the right hashmark and stepped from a tackle. He got to the five before he was hit again and this time, he lowered his shoulder and scored in the right corner. Westfield got a bad snap on the PAT attempt,

but they led it 13-0 with 3:03 still to play in the first quarter.

### Brownies Pick Up Two Downs

The Brownies picked up their first two downs of the game on the ensuing possession as they started to settle down. Quarterback Dan Moriarty hit Briggs with a 10 yard hitch pattern on the first play of the drive. Then Votzak's bashed over left guard to the Agawam 48 and the Brownies appeared to have something going. The drive stalled but Chamberlain pinned the Bombers back at their own five.

The visitors tried to move it off the goal line with power running, but Agawam stuffed that package. Instead, Chisholm took it to the air and he hit Skypeck wide open at the 50 yard line and he ran down to the 35 of Agawam.

Skypeck scored an apparent touchdown as the wing back in the Delaware Wing T, but the play was called back for holding.

Undaunted, Westfield ran the same play and faked it to Skypeck. Agawam hammered that kid, but Bevilacqua came from the other side of the package and sprinted untouched down the right sideline for six more points. The PAT was wide right, but Westfield had a 19-0 lead with 7:05 to play in the half.

Agawam showed some class by following all of that tough luck and tough results by embarking on a fine 12 play, 69 yard drive which was capped by Briggs banging it home over right guard from the three. Brian Anderson's kick for point was good and the Brownies had hope, trailing 19-7.

Westfield called every single one of its five first half timeouts as the clock tried to expire for the half and the Bombers got it all the way to the Agawam 28. The final play was broken up in the end zone and Agawam went off the field knowing that it would get the ball first in the second half and a chance to cut it down to five or six points.

The Brownies' first drive out of the locker room didn't pan out and they were forced to punt. Westfield tried to help by fumbling its first play from scrimmage at the Agawam 42, but the Brownies couldn't move the ball and that ultimately sealed their fate.

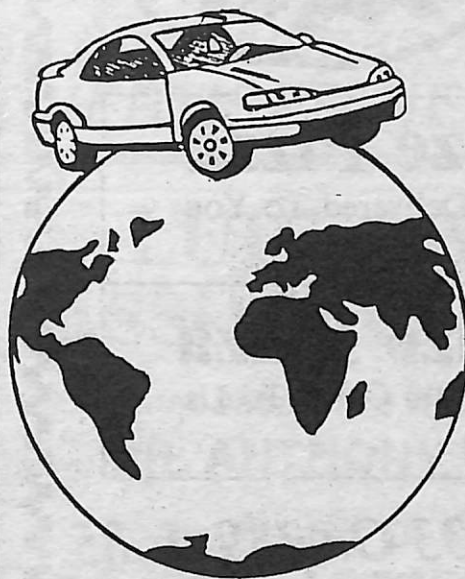
Guay scored from short range with four minutes to play in the ballgame and Agawam got its biggest highlight of the year when Votzak's burst free for a 70 yard touchdown (soon after) to account for the final score.

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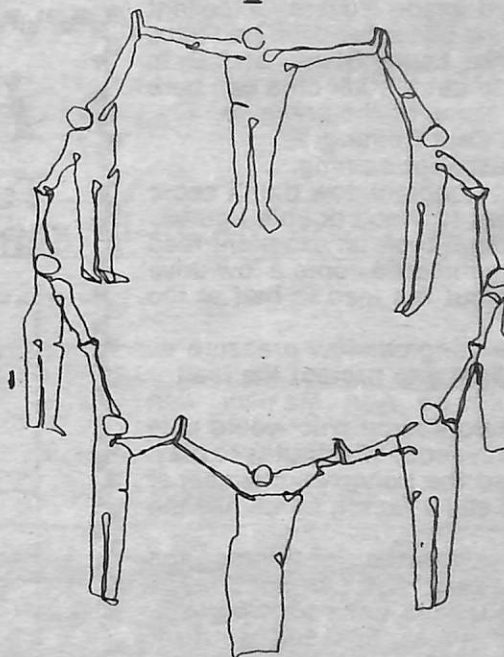
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# Tae Kwon-Do Black Belt Ray Shugart Proud Of His Students On Team USA

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Once upon a time in a little village east of here called Sturbridge, there lived a boy named Ray who wasn't very sure of himself. He stuttered badly and he considered himself a wimp.

Ray joined the U.S. Air Force and soon became interested in studying the sport of Tae Kwon-Do. Twenty plus years later, Ray Shugart, now of Agawam, is an owner/operator of one of the fastest growing Tae Kwon-Do schools in the area, **Hwang's Tae Kwon-Do**.

After winning a gold medal himself in the 1976 International Caribbean Championships, Shugart settled down and became a technical illustrator in the sport. He continued to train and his basement soon began to fill with folks who were quickly becoming disciples.

## Sport Is A Serious Commitment

"It is a very serious sport that requires a strong discipline and commitment," says Shugart. "I had the opportunity to study under one of the best (Master K.S. Hwang). Those of us who have worked at this for a period of time realize that it can be used for a variety of reasons, including flexibility, confidence building, self-esteem, weight and temper control, and many other things."

As Shugart's business began to take shape, he sought bigger quarters at 680 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (directly across from the Agawam Police Station).

From the 90 students he once had when he opened up the road on Springfield Street in September 1991, Shugart now has nearly 200 students, ranging in age from four to 60.

Recently, this group of people did something that actually made the Tae Kwon-Do world stand up and take notice.

Of the 13 member U.S. Tae Kwon-Do Team that departed on September 3rd for the 8th Annual World Tae Kwon-Do Championships in Pyongyang, North Korea, five team members came directly from Shugart's school in Agawam.

## Brought Back Some Hardware

And this little group brought back gold and bronze medals to put in their trophy case!

The quintet from Shugart's school included **Traci Benson** from Stafford Springs (now living in Texas); **Elizabeth Marzano** (1988 Agawam High graduate now attending Holyoke Community College); **Michele Sawyer** (Agawam resident and 1990 graduate of Cathedral High); **Christopher Brunelle** (1989 AHS graduate who currently attends Westfield State College); and **Todd Gordner** (an employee of Die Graphics in Ludlow).

Brunelle and Gordner were part of a five member team that brought home a gold medal in the "Power Division" (breaking boards to us laymen of the sport). And the USA Team was able to join Malaysia as one of only two countries (out of 66 competing) to take a gold medal out of North Korea. The Koreans won all the rest.

The US women were able to snare two bronze medals in the "Speciality Division" (jumping) and the "Power Division."

More than 60 area businesses are praised by Shugart for helping fund the trip for the Agawam group. The trip was financed totally by contribu-

tions from area commerce and various other fundraising sources (including several members taking on debt to compete).

Shugart served as manager of Team USA (his third time in the World Championships). The trip cost the group well over \$18,000.

"It was certainly expensive," said a proud Shugart. "But what a marvelous experience it was for all of us. We were able to visit China's Great Wall, Tianamen Square, the Forbidden City, as well as travelling to Japan and of course, Korea."

"We had been to Russia and Korea for previous Tae Kwon-Do competitions, but this one was fantastic and we would like to thank everyone who was able to help us live out this dream," said Shugart.

Shugart has 17 black belt members in his current stable of talent. He invites anyone who is interested in seeing what goes on at the school to stop by and watch any of the daily classes.

Classes are run Monday through Thursday, as well as Saturday. Times are 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

There are a variety of individual, family, and corporate plans available to participate at the school. Shugart maintains that Tae Kwon-Do is a sport that people can enjoy and compete in as long as they like.

"You never stop learning this great sport. After all, I will be testing for my fourth degree black belt next month and I've been at it for over 20 years," said Shugart.

Nuff said.

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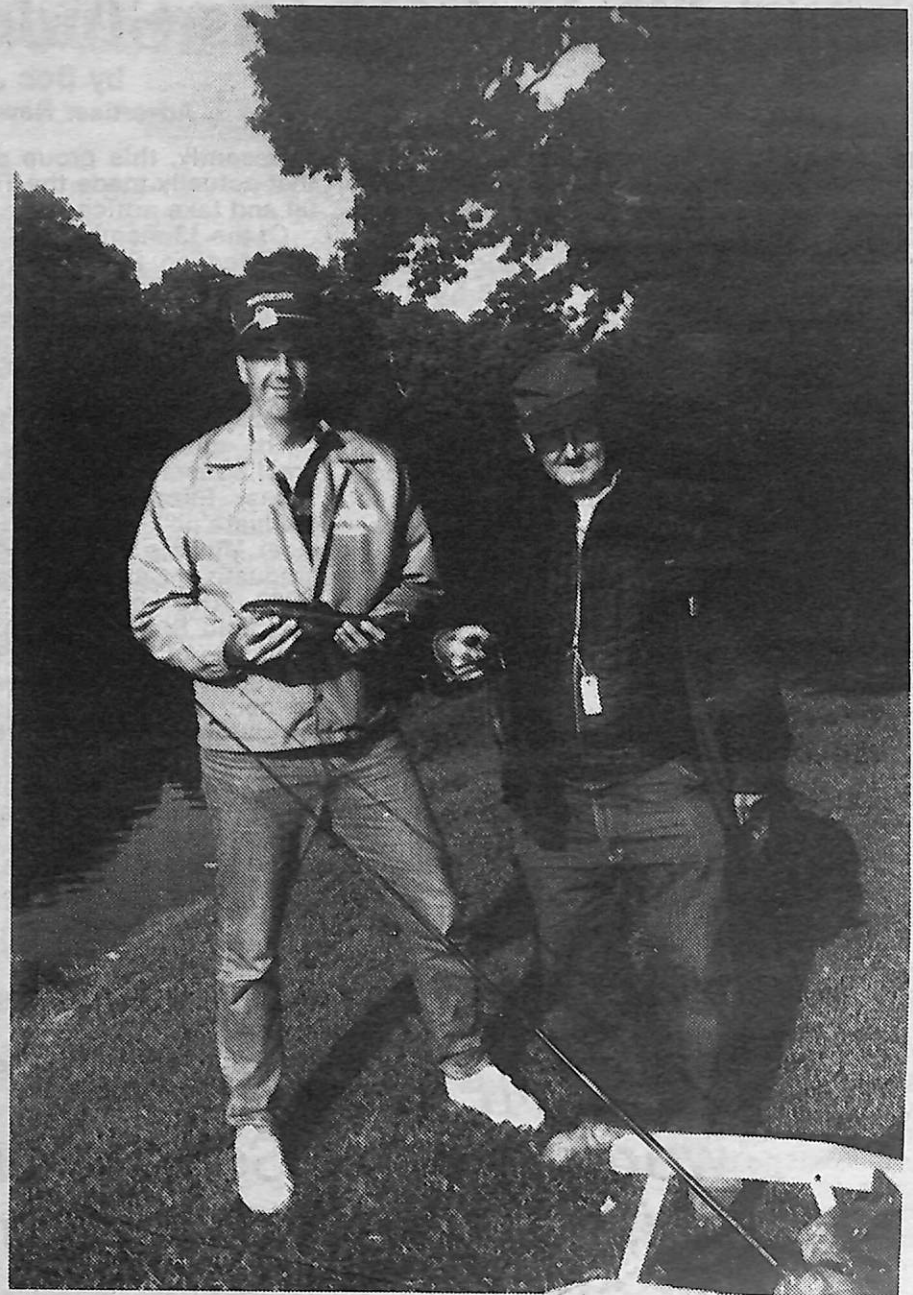


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## Fishing Day At The Mawaga Club



A FISHING DERBY was held at the Mawaga Sporting Club off Adams Street on Sunday, October 4th. From left - Wayne Harrington, Caitlin Grimaldi, Bill Grimaldi, Rick Van Heusen, and Russell Baker.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### GIRLS' SOCCER - from Page 44...

The problem for Agawam was that the Cathedral defense had its share of fine work too, most notably the right fullback. She checked DeMarco all afternoon and rarely bit on the fakes that Dina normally uses to her advantage.

Agawam played better in the second half and seemed at times poised to tie the score. Instead, Cathedral picked up that all-important third goal. Lynn Pantuosco worked to free a ball in the far corner and crossed it to Johnston in front. Caren accepted the feed, spun away from the defender and blasted one into the low far corner of the nets for a 3-1 lead.

One minute later, Agawam trimmed the deficit back to a goal when DeMarco took a ball from left wing to the middle and burst in on Morin. The goalie blocked the rising drive, but it ricocheted right back off DeMarco's head and rolled swiftly into the cage. It was 3-2.

Finally, the Panthers cashed their trump card. Maria Truolio, who was a one gal show in the game at Agawam with four goals and two assists, was a non-factor much of the day until she scored the ultimate game winner.

Just like in Vegas or Atlantic City, at 7:11 (wouldn't you know), Truolio shook free and got a Johnston cross and tucked it into the short corner for the score that made it 4-2.

#### Agawam's Unfailing Determination

Agawam wouldn't quit and Mason made a hard charge late in the game and rescued a Morin bobble. Once the ball was free, Stephanie pounded it home, but it was only windowdressing at that point as the cow had left the barn.

**Correction**—It was incorrectly noted in these pages last week that the eighth goal for Agawam in their 8-1 win over East Longmeadow was scored by Courtne Hyland. That goal was actually scored by Liz Cornwell (who could also be an excellent play-by-play announcer).

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*The Point After...***Spotter Ken Cook  
Helps At Game**by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Probably would be better served this week to call this space "THE POINT DURING" as for the first time in my media career, I had to be placed on the "Physically Unable to Continue" list during last Friday night's home opener. Sparing you the details of my brief illness, I was unable to view the conclusion of the ballgame.

My thanks go out to **Boo Smith**, who took over my chair in the press box, and to **Ron Chimellis** (*Springfield Union News*), who filled me in on the happenings of the second half...

It sure was weird wandering around my house, wondering what went on. I suddenly realized that I had seen every play of every Agawam game since 1989. My first reaction was to turn on the radio and listen, but it doesn't take long to realize that it isn't an option available to me...

Spotter **Ken Cook** was on hand for his third season in the press box, and he was in rare form up there. I felt bad when I had to ask him to drive me home at halftime.

Cook had taken the day off from work on Friday to prepare himself mentally for the task ahead. He was working on a computer thesaurus to come up with quality adjectives for things that might occur on the field.

He had his field glasses, a thermos of Dunkin' Donuts coffee, rosters from both schools, pronunciation guides, and everything else. He didn't have any medical supplies, though, and thus we had to get underway a tap early...

On the field, the rain from Friday afternoon may have had an impact when **Dan McCarthy's** long snap was well short of its intended target (punter **Todd Chamberlain**) in the early part of the ballgame...

I was frantically looking all over the pressbox for the *Star Spangled Banner* tape prior to kickoff. Couldn't find it.

Figured I would have to lead the assembled throng in song before I realized that the 1992 debut of the Marching Mohawks could handle it just fine...

Chimellis told me that the Brownies played just fine in the second half after I departed, but the early deficit was just too much...

The Brownies reach the halfway mark of the season on Friday night when they host Central. In a season that was full of early promise, the Brownies will try to rise up and knock off Central just like they did a year ago at midseason; the Brownies won a 7-6 ballgame in Springfield to knock off the high-flying Eagles at that time.

Common opponents this season: Central knocked off Holyoke in their AA opener 23-6 this past weekend. The Brownies lost 22-16 in the last 10 seconds in their game against the Purple Knights...

**Undefeated Southwick Rams Hand Brownies  
4-1 Schoolboy Soccer Setback**by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When the boys' high school soccer schedule came out, the Agawam High kids were happy to see their neighbor Southwick coming to town on Columbus Day evening under the lights at Harmon Smith Field in Agawam.

But, before you could say "Nina," "Pinta," or "Santa Maria," the Rams had blown into and out of Agawam with a 4-1 victory that served only to extend another tough year in the standings for Agawam High.

There wasn't one Agawam High highlight in the first 20 or 22 minutes of the game. Southwick seemed to go from one end of the field to the other without any resistance whatsoever in the early going. The goalie would kick the ball 50 yards, and the Rams would collect it easily without a Brownie on the ball.

Often, there would be two Brownies and one Ram in contention for the ball, and the Ram would slither out of the mini-jam and put it right on the foot of another Southwick player who would merrily go about his business.

The Rams also managed to stick in a couple of goals during that span as Matt Ferrigno set sail on his first of three markers on the night with a breakaway at 36:52. Todd Boskiewicz tried valiantly to close the gap from behind, but his slide only served to momentarily interrupt Ferrigno's passage to paydirt as the crafty Ram laced a low blazer into the left corner past Scott Bleau in the Brownie net.

Thirteen minutes later, Jamie Typrowicz pummeled a shot on the cage and Bleau made a fantastic save, but Ferrigno pounced upon the rebound and scored easily into the suddenly unattended cage.

Southwick didn't appear to have superior talent compared with the competition Agawam normally lines up against, but the Brownies seemed to be playing subpar soccer on this Monday night. To sum up the first 20-plus minutes, only one adjective came to mind: abysmal.

**AHS Finally Comes To Life**

One by one, the Brownies seemed to come back into the picture later in the game. First, Scott Rapacki started flying all over the field in some of the best hustle seen this year. Then, Joe Willis came forward and dug the ball out from between two Rams and nailed a left-footed shot off the goalie's hands.

The result of that hustle was a Rapacki corner and a Mike Knodler rising-high header for the goal that shaved the lead to 2-1. Agawam didn't

to be that close, but that is the way soccer is—and for a long stretch, the Brownies began to outplay their neighbors to the south.

Luis Savina, John O'Brien, Willis, and Knodler began to take advantage of Rapacki's strong mid-field play, and they literally had four chances in three minutes late in the first half. It was turning into a very entertaining match for the fans.

In the second half, Agawam came out and played much better than the Rams for the first 15 minutes and showed no signs of a let up. The defensive corps of Brian Crowley, Paul Klisiewicz, Derek Poole, and Aaron Schmaelzle were playing like the best unit Coach Dick Cowles could combine all season. Crowley has missed several games with an injury sustained early in the season.

Another Rapacki corner gave Agawam two cracks at a goal out of a swarm, and second-half goalkeeper Judson Graham made a super play to save himself some embarrassment shortly thereafter. Graham mishit his patented dropkick from the right side of the cage, and he had to bust his butt to get back in time to break up the easy left side break-in of the defender who fielded the short boot.

**The "Killer" Goal**

The killer came at 20:36. The Brownies were battling the Rams for the ball on the outer edges of the box. It was an innocent play with two Brownies and one Ram involved in the play. It was not an offensive threat for Southwick, but an inadvertent handball in the box was whistled against the Brownies, and it was just seconds later that Ferrigno completed his hat trick with a penalty shot to Graham's right side.

Agawam's fans started screaming for the Brownies to shoot everything on net (just to get something on the goal). That strategy rarely works and it didn't happen on Monday. Savina, Vinnie Petrangelo, and Knodler banged in two hoppers from 30 and 35 yards, and goalie Bill Morrissey handled them easily.

Meanwhile, Southwick scored a beauty with 9:28 to play when Ferrigno (now where have I heard that name?) scorched a sensational timing pass through the slot to Matt Ramah, who approached the cage like a big-time goal scorer and finished the play in the same manner to put his team ahead 4-1.

That's the way it would end, and Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand would have been proud of the travellers in this one.

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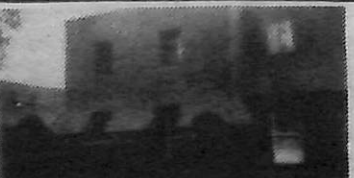
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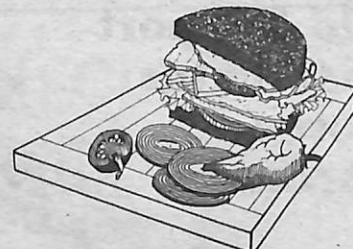
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## Sports A La Carte...

## Can You Believe They Booed 'The Eck'?

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There were many things that occurred in sports during this reporting period, but there was one incident that happened which showed the immaturity that is displayed constantly by the sports viewing public. This one borders insanity.

Last Sunday afternoon, Oakland A's led the Toronto Blue Jays by five runs in the middle innings. This scribe and many others tuned the game out and watched football for the rest of the afternoon for one single, solitary reason—THE ECK.

DENNIS ECKERSLEY has become over a period of years the closest thing in sports to the automatic since MIKE TYSON and SERGEI BUBKA. Night in and night out for seven years, the Eck has symbolized items such as consistency and greatness in his own special way.

With his long locks flowing and the strike zone full of beebies, he has blazed a trail second to none in the new era of specialization in baseball. He has been virtually untouchable. KIRK GIBSON'S one-legged homer for the Dodgers would not have been nearly as dramatic had he hit off let's say RICK HONEYCUTT or JIM CORSI.

That special moment was made even more special by the fact that it was Eckersley throwing the ball plateward. It was even more dramatic than GEORGE BRETT taking GOOSE GOSSAGE deep in the playoffs that were in the late seventies between the Yanks and KC.

It was a big story. People talked about a chink in Eckersley's heavily-padded armor. It was great, great stuff, no matter who you were rooting for that fateful night. Since then, Eckersley has gone on to duplicate and maybe even triple his fantastic accomplishments.

Nobody talks about his age, his antics, his vocabulary, his velocity, or any of the other stuff. They just talk about how TONY LARUSSA can afford to "shorten" any ballgame he chooses simply by warming up the Eck. He has been nothing short of phenomenal.

When it comes to outs, hits allowed, walks, and

everything else, he is the MAN. So on Sunday afternoon, Eckersley gave up another dramatic shot against ROBERTO ALOMAR (perhaps the most talented Blue Jay ever), and he was booed off the mound by the "faithful" at the Oakland Coliseum! Unbelievably stupid, you betcha.

Certainly, Eckersley had a "book" on Alomar, and part of that book was not to worry about the long ball against the line-drive hitting second baseman. He got one up about an inch too high and Roberto lost it. More great drama.

And, once again, it didn't lose the ballgame this time; it only tied it and gave the Blue Jays a chance to win. They had survived the Eck, which may have served (unquestionably served) to change the series once and for all.

Baseball is the best game because of that very intangible. The games are won and lost on the field. You can play the percentages and talk about the "best team on paper" and all that, but you still have to get that 27th out to win the big banana.

Those fans ought to be sentenced to the Fenway that was 1992 for that disgraceful act. Yet, they paid their money and they can do what they want, I suppose...

The Land of DEION was a big story this past week, and everyone wanted to have a crack at the little superstar of two sports.

More jealousy coming to the surface? Great commercials for Nike? Certainly. More fame, more ego stroking? Yup. Fun for the fans? Absolutely. Good for the ballclubs? Debatable.

So what, it sold newspapers and gave him a chance to carve out a little niche of history. Front porches, back porches, and hot stoves will be full of Deion stories down through the years, and that is not necessarily wrong for the sports world...

Will the "Ice House" in Hartford melt before the ground freezes? The Whalers certainly didn't get out of the chute at all this season, and there were but 9,600-plus at an early game against division rival Buffalo.

They'll have a streak or two that will blow up those new blue and white shirts, but will they come well after the horse has left the barn? That's the burning question in Whalerville...

Yes, if a team can beat Florida State and Penn State on back-to-back weekends and they remain undefeated, then they should be number one. Pac-10 Football is a fine conference, but Miami could beat any one of them with the proper preparation (including Washington)...

If the Redskins and Broncos sent you to the sack early this past Monday night, you may not have learned that the Redskins were the biggest offensive line in football 10 years ago with a 272 pounds per man average.

The Niners are the lightest offensive line in the league right now, and they are 274 pounds per man across the line! The Redskins now average 290 across their offensive front, and they are 15th heaviest in the league. The times they are a changin'...

Was interesting to note that you had to go to the very bottom of the list in last Sunday's final baseball season statistics to find JACK MORRIS of the Blue Jays in the ERA chase. Despite 21 wins, he checked in with a 4.04 ERA worst among pitchers with at least eight decisions.

Old Jack could be a Raider with that "Just Win Baby" mentality...

He had to work overtime, but five rounds of golf at the Las Vegas International were worth \$234,000 to winner JOHN COOK, who came home 26 strokes below the break even line.

Let's say that I played in that tournament and averaged my normal 100 per round. Cook would have beaten me by 166 strokes!...

Don't hear the Slippery Rock score on the ABC games as much as we used to, but Sunday's paper did inform me that they were 11th in the country in the National Water Polo Top Twenty...

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# Agawam Youth Football Suffers 1st Loss Of Season

The Agawam Junior and Senior Youth Football teams both suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of Northampton on Saturday, October 10th.

The Juniors got off to a promising start. They started their opening drive on their own 40 yard line. The Warriors drove 60 yards on 15 plays. Along the way, Ryan Drobot caught an eight-yard pass to help the cause. Mike Buoniconti dove in from the one-yard line for the score. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Junior Warriors would not score again in the game, and were hurt by two drive-ending fumbles in the fourth quarter. Matt Slattery, Mike Buoniconti, and Jason Sirois were the leading rushers for the Agawam defense.

The Blue Devils of Northampton were able to score two touchdowns in the game. The Agawam defense kept the game close right to the end. Matt Slattery was the top tackler of the game with seven tackles and five assists. Also helping to keep the game close were Mike Buoniconti, Brian St. Jean, Bob Fuller, and Jeremiah Graves.

The final score of the contest was Northampton 14, Agawam 6. Though this was the first defeat for the Agawam team, it was an exciting and close game. Northampton remains as the only undefeated team in the division.

The Senior Warriors also faced a formidable, undefeated Northampton squad. The Blue Devils struck early in the first quarter by scoring the game's first touchdown. But the Warriors came right back with a score of their own. On the second play of the drive, quarterback Phil McGeoghan launched a tremendous pass to Kevin Perreault, who then ran it all the way down field for a 60-yard gain and a TD.

However, as in the Junior game, the two-point attempt failed and the Warriors would be held scoreless for the remainder of the game. The Blue Devils had done their homework and held the Agawam running backs in check. Kevin Perreault, Vin Tirone, and Chris Bednarzyk were the leading offensive ground gainers.

The Senior defense gave it their best effort but faced the most versatile team that they have seen this season. Kevin Perreault was also very active on defense with six tackles and two assists. Bryan Menard had five tackles and four assists, and recovered a Northampton fumble.

Joe Yacteen, George Graves, Andy St. Jean, and Adam Kimball also gave good efforts to stop the potent Blue Devil attack. However, the Agawam defense faced a very skilled Northampton team that effectively ran the quarterback play. The Northampton quarterback was also a very effective passer, who repeatedly completed crucial

passes to keep drives alive and score long touchdowns. The Northampton offense scored once in the first quarter, once in the second quarter, and twice in the third quarter.

The final score at the whistle was Northampton 32, Agawam 6. This represented the Senior Warriors' first loss of the season and gives them a record of four wins and one loss.

The Junior and Senior Warriors will next play Springfield-South on Sunday, October 18th. This game will take place on the Central High School field, with the Junior game starting at 1:00 p.m. and the Senior game immediately following.



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## Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



### "Bearable" News

Hunters set a new bear record with 60, since the seasons were established.

According to James Cardoza, Bear Project Leader, the harvest, which appears to be comprised primarily of young bears (not cubs), is consistent with den surveys conducted last winter which showed many cubs and multiple births mostly as a result of abundant food the past few years. Good weather during the hunting season and the fact that hunters are becoming more experienced both contributed to the high kill figures as well.

While handsome and enjoyable to look at, bears can exploit farm crops quickly and cost farmers considerable income. During times of economic stress, many farmers are happy to see the bears removed from areas surrounding their property, thus minimizing the negative impact bears have on their produce and income.

This last rain storm should be the needed kick for mushrooms to start sprouting throughout the woods. I would like to warn the pickers to be on the alert when picking on or near Provin Mountain. We have observed a sow bear with cubs on Bowmen property and near Calabrese's planted fields.

The mother bear is very protective of her young and could become very aggressive when humans are near them. If you see a bear in your backyard, use common sense and stay indoors. Don't be foolish and attempt to feed the animal. You could end up being the food.

The bear is a wild animal and should be treated as such. The cubs are cute and look loveable, but they are protected by the mother and she isn't far from them. Don't harbor the idea that you can run away from a bear. They have been clocked at 25 to 30 miles an hour on flat land.

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The following is a breakdown of where bears were checked in:

Western District, Pittsfield—34; BitzerFish Hatchery, Montague—17; Connecticut Valley District, Belchertown—7; Birch Hill, Baldwinville—2.

George L. Darey, Lenox, was elected chairman; Nancy K. Begin, Topsfield, Vice Chairman; and John F. Creedon, North Easton, Secretary of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

These officers serve the seven person volunteer board, which establishes policy relative to the management and regulation of fisheries and wildlife in the Commonwealth.

By law, the seven persons selected for this board are volunteers, receiving no remuneration or expenses for their service to the Commonwealth. Five of the seven are selected on a regional basis, with one member, by statute, representing agricultural interests.

Two other members serve on the board; one a professional wildlife biologist or manager, the other a representative with a specific interest in the management and restoration of those populations not classified as "game species."

Board members meet monthly at varied locations around the state to hear recommendations for regulation and management practices from the staff of Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, hold public hearings as needed, and consider fish and wildlife issues germane to Massachusetts.

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Pease Air Force Base land has become a National Wildlife Refuge. The land is located in New Hampshire, is the first coastal refuge, and the fourth and now the largest refuge in the state.

The land is located in the town of Newington, where all of the 1,095 acres of the refuge property, formerly part of Pease Air Force Base, is located.

The Old Timers Club, which consists of friends that have fished and hunted together over the years, held their annual fish fry last Friday at the Mawaga Sporting Club. This writer furnished the fish, Dom Tangredi, chef, and Danti and John Ferioli, kitchen help.

Dom outdid himself preparing the fresh white and yellow perch, clams over pasta, egg plant, onion rings, mushroom sauce, star bread, topped off with white wine.

As is the case, fishing stories and hunting escapades were bantered back and forth. Doc Query's white bear hunt and his Colorado venture with Dom Tangredi and other Agawam hunters was the tops.

The number of participants is a little less each year as good buddies pass on to bigger and better pastures. The group is looking forward to the annual game get-together in the spring.

## Mawaga Club Holds "Fish Fry"



THE MAWAGA CLUB recently held its annual "Fish Fry," and (from left) helpers John and Dan Ferioli, along with chef Dom Tangredi, were on hand to serve up fish caught by Bill Chiba (far right), AAN's "Sportsmen's Corner" columnist and hunter/fisherman "extraordinaire." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AMONG THOSE IN ATTENDANCE at the Mawaga Club's "Fish Fry" were (left to right) Wayne Harrington, Michael Roberts, Steve Roberts, and Robert Touchette, Sr. Advertiser news photo by Jack Devine.

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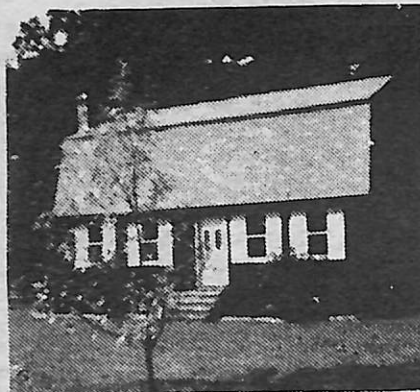
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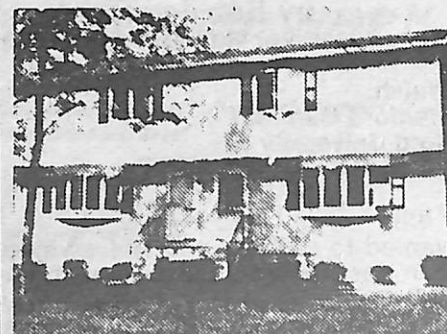
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# Racing At Riverside...

## Huge Crowd Hits Riverside For Holiday Special

It was perhaps the perfect way to begin the holiday weekend. With temperatures in the 70's, over 500 cars total showed up for the Christopher Columbus Marathon Madness Night at Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, October 10th.

A crowd in excess of 5,600 witnessed four race divisions and three spectacular Enduros, plus the Demolition. And, it was such a successful event that Riverside is set to do it all over again on Halloween (Saturday, October 31st) at 6:00 p.m.

Pro 4 Modified action was impressive as the 1992 Champion Doug Meservey took the lead, hunted down by Tom Crevenho. As Dan Meservey Sr. held off the challenges of Mike Petrizzo, Glenn Solomito, Renee Dupuis, and Joe Le May, it was wheel-to-wheel racing at its best, lap after lap.

Then, suddenly, contact was made forcing Doug Meservey to hit at a ton in turn four. On the restart, it was now a strong battle between Dan Meservey, Glenn Solomito, Mike Petrizzo, Dennis Routhier, Renee Dupuis, and Bob Stockel.

At the checker, it was the veteran **Joe Le May**

followed by Glenn Solomito, Mike Petrizzo, Dan Meservey Sr., and Dennis Routhier. Sixth through 10th were Tom Crevenho, Bob Stockel, Ron D'Alessandro, John Rodriques, and George Sherman.

**Jay Stuart** dominated the Late Models, but the pressure was on by Doug D'Alessandro, Barry Gray, Rich Vasseur, and Sumner Chapman. Sixth through 10th place were earned by John Severns, John Johnson, Gary Fiormonti, Mike Bushior, and Ted Chalmers.

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In the Strictly Stock racing, it was a strong run for **Joe Czarnecki** as Bob McMullin pressured to the wire over Tom Kirley, Mitch Drownowski, and Jeff Connors. Sixth through 10th were Chuck Alessio, Herb Carlon, Alan Sudyka, William Reiman, and Mike Kowalski.

Mini Stock action saw **Ron Smith** again dominate over Alan Anacki, Fred Felton, Don Dempsey, and Chris Hasbrouk. Sixth through 10th were Emmons Welch, Bill Chaffee, Steve

Desroseilliers, Joe Krajewski, and Kevin Blackmore.

Previously from the Stafford-type Enduro, the Left/Right Cars ran and put on a great show as **Monster Page** won over Mike Marinelli, Robert Goulet, Rick Charette, and R.C. Luce. Rounding out the top 10th were George Garich, John Debitsky, Steve Luginbuhl, Dean Casagrande, and Shane Peele.

There is still one race left and it's not too late to enter; it features the same format as the October 10th event. Halloween Madness begins at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st (pits open at 11:00 a.m.).

Late Models, Strictly Stocks, Pro 4 Modifieds, Mini Stocks, L & R Cars, full-size Enduro, 4 cyl. Enduro, Demolition, 4 x 4, Police Race, and much more will be featured for this last racing event of Riverside's 1992 season. Enter today for the full-size and 4 cyl. Enduro.

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## Bill Walsh Does It As Frisco Coach & Now As Cardinals' Mentor

by **Bob Johnson**  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

**Bill Walsh**  
c/o Stanford Cardinal  
Stanford University  
Palo Alto, CA

Dear Bill,

I wanted to write to you and congratulate you on your most recent successes with the Cardinal football team. Nobody doubted that you would have good fortune at Stanford because of your long-running tag of genuis.

As you know, there are many detractors and people that begrudge you your place in the coaching annals. I am not one of those detractors. I think what you have done over the length of time that you have done it is nothing short of fantastic.

I have always been curious about one thing that maybe you can clear up for me. I am an avid football fan and sportswriter. Somewhere along the line, I am sure that the networks have done a piece on your pre-game 25 play scripting act, but I must have missed it.

Do you pick 25 plays in a row that will be run regardless of the situation? For instance, if one or more of those plays is a bomb, you certainly wouldn't run it on 4th and 1 at the enemy goal line. How much latitude do you allow for changing those plays dependent upon the situation?

I also wonder if you often chuckle during film sessions when you know that you can take full advantage of the upcoming coach or team personnel that you will play in the next game.

My last question is this: Do you think Joe Montana was lionized for his success due to your efforts or is he really that good? I have always thought that Dan Marino is the best of our era, but you may disagree because of his mobility (or lack thereof) and because Montana was so good on his feet when he needed to be.

I also want to thank you for showing your contemporaries around the league how to manage the clock! Even as a little kid, I used to wonder how coaches could be so stupid as to waste time during the game—time that could be used to great advantage.

I never really rooted for the Niners, but I always respected the way that you guys could get a touchdown or a field goal at the end of the first half when so many other teams were taking a knee with a full minute or more remaining on the clock.

Also, if you could, I would love an autographed picture of you if you get a chance. Thanks, Bill—and nice work against Notre Dame.

Respectfully,  
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## Lots Of Point Money At Riverside Speedway

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The total sum and the point fund is the creation of Ben Dodge, Jr., Riverside's Director/Promoter of Racing. Dodge has raised the point money through his nationally known sponsorship programs, which is one of the many reasons why Riverside Speedway is one of the most successful quarter miles in the country.

Because of the huge support from the competitors at Riverside Speedway, the quarter mile NASCAR showcase will again feature two awards banquets for its Winston competitors. Fact is, Riverside will host a total of 1,500 competitors and race teams, making this one of the largest twin banquet functions in NASCAR.

This year's lavish award ceremonies' will be at the award-winning Oaks banquet facility, located at 1070 Suffield Street (Route 75) in Agawam.

On Friday, November 20th, the banquet will honor the 1992 Riverside Late Model Champion Jay Stuart, and the top 10 will receive trophies (with the top 15 getting point fund checks). Pro 4 Modified Champion Doug Meservey will be crowned with awards and point money for the top 10.

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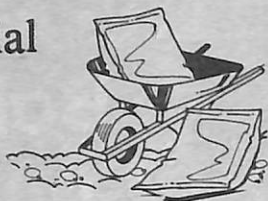
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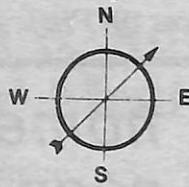
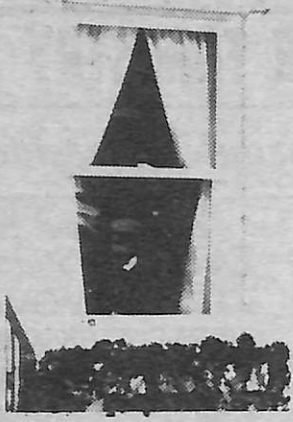
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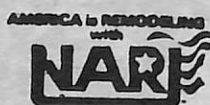
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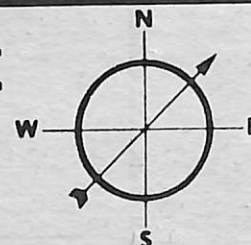
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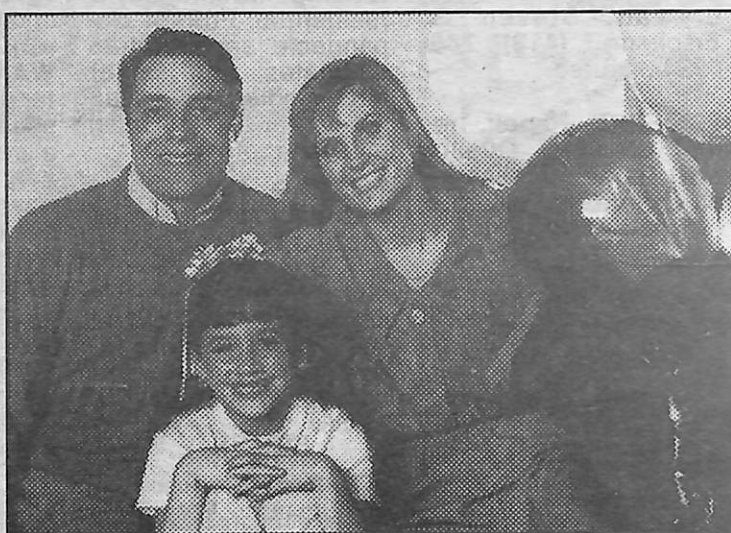




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